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Editorial

SALES EMPHASIS

In reports of trade meetings in these pages, it is apparent that today nurserymen in their gatherings are discussing the special phases of selling to a greater extent than the older convention topics of propagation and

production.

Much of this discussion has to do with the problems which retail nurserymen meet today in handling their large volume of business. The heavy demand in the face of the high cost—and sometimes scarcity—of labor makes important the more efficient methods of catering to the public. Hence, the discussion topics include salesvard design, display of stock, labeling, containers and a variety of other phases of retailing. The exchange of ideas on the meeting floor and in the reports in these pages is certain to promote the trade's service to the public. Some of the discussion, however, is on aspects of merchandising, advertising and selling generally, clearly indicating that nurserymen are becoming alive to the importance of marketing nursery stock, not only today but in the seasons ahead, when more stimulus may be needed by the industry itself.

Then, too, specialization is on the increase in this industry. Retail nurserymen in areas where wholesale sources of supply are handy and adequate are less likely to grow much of the stock they sell. They realize that selling is a job in itself and deserves more attention than in the past, in order that they may compete with other industries.

No longer does the retail nurseryman have the ambition to grow all or most of the stock he sells. In the past, retailers with such aspirations have planted so much, in the course of time, as to force themselves out of the retail and into the wholesale business, or to become so much of one and the other as to lose the efficiency of operating one type of enterprise.

The specialization today, with the greater emphasis on selling by the retailers, is certain to afford better service to the public and to promote

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good seasons and poor ones. Cooperation of retailers and wholesale nurserymen should maintain the quality of the stock supplied the public. So the resultant satisfaction should produce greater public de-

EXTENDING THE SEASON

There lately has been less discussion of prolonging the season for the sale-or perhaps, nowadays, delivery-of nursery stock, because the heavy demand has caused nurserymen to take more action to that end through necessity than they did

formerly voluntarily.

Landscape nurserymen have found new orders crowding their operations to such extent that they have continued spring planting so far into the summer that there has been but a small gap before the beginning of early autumn planting. Crews have been kept busy in summer and winter on all types of work-preparing soil for planting, building walks and doing construction work—save only the actual transplanting of stock, and even this has been done under conditions not favored before.

In retail salesyards, customers have continued to call for stock so late in spring that the season there has been somewhat prolonged. The increased popularity of container-grown stock has considerably aided late planting.

As the public becomes better versed in gardening, autumn planting is sure to increase, provided nurserymen lend some promotional effort to it and have the stock ready to entice the buyers into their display grounds.

What is being learned under the exigencies of the strong current demand should make it possible to extend the sale and delivery of nursery stock over a greater number of months in the year, with improved stability of business and employment in this industry.

THE LEADING PASTIME

In a series of articles on the ways in which the American public spends its leisure, the Saturday Evening Post of August 8 carried an illustrated article, "Thirty Million Gardeners," in which it was asserted that gardening ranked No. 1 among the favorite pastimes.

The average citizen today, stated

the marketing of nursery stock in the article, annually enjoys 1,000 more hours of leisure than did his grandfather. For diversion and relaxation, a majority of our citizens have turned to the soil, in which all of us inherit an interest from our ancestors

> While the article was largely devoted to the machines and gadgets which had been devised to take some of the manual labor out of amateur gardening, it emphasized the degree to which the public had become interested in growing flowers and vegetables. With that interest, of course, has developed an increased appreciation of other plants.

From that greater appreciation of the nurseryman's products by the public has come a share of the increased demand, along with that which has arisen from the boom in home building. While the building boom may abate in the course of time, the public's increased interest in gardening, together with its greater leisure time, is certain to maintain a high demand for nursery stock

INTO PRINT

The number and quality of the articles, or "stories," on gardening and plant topics supplied newspapers of the country by the public relations office of the American Association of Nurserymen are such as to satisfy the trade as to the efficacy of this phase of market development work.

While many newspapers make thorough use of this material and others employ it occasionally, there are communities in which the stories are not seen in print. The editor of the local newspaper either is not awake to the garden interest in his area or is disinclined to use material from clip sheets.

The nurseryman in that community is losing a bet if he does not impress upon the editor the value of these articles, their authoritative merit and the interest his readers would have in them. A single visit may or may not win the editor's action. But persistent effort to this end would be worth while, because the nurseryman would see his prospective customers better informed on garden topics and the horticultural level of the community raised, aside from any ultimate beneficial effect on his sales of stock.

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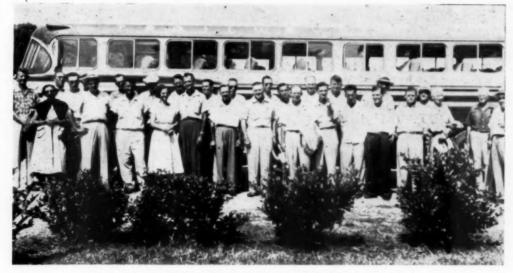
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A Group of North Carolina Nurserymen Ready to Embark on the Summer Tour.

North Carolinians Tour Nurseries

By Howell Stroup

On July 27 and 28, the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen toured a few of the state's finest nurseries. Forty persons participated. A chartered bus was the mode of transportation employed, and from all reports the tour was highly successful. Owing to the time and distance involved, the group was comparatively limited in the area it canvassed. Because of this, the members are planning an eastern tour for next summer.

The primary purpose of the tour was to see what plants were being grown by the nurseries, so that ideas for new kinds of material could be developed. The North Carolina State College extension service is installing a plant trial ground where various types of plants from the nurseries of the state, as well as plants new to the state, will be grown and observed for their suitability for future use.

The secondary purpose of the tour was to enable owners to send or bring their foremen to the group to acquaint them with the different production methods being employed in the state. Nine foremen were in the group. The nurserymen also had it as their intention to study the types of irrigation used and, of course, any novel ideas of propagation they might find.

As for irrigation, the nurserymen found that, because of the recent succession of dry seasons, a variety

of methods of retaining moisture is being employed, the commonest being the use of sawdust as a mulch. However, even shavings were being used for this purpose.

Begin Tour at Julian

The tour originated at Julian, and the party made its first stop at the Lindley Nurseries, Inc., Friendship, 14 miles north of Greensboro. This is possibly the oldest nursery firm in the south, being 112 years old. It contains 200 acres and is ably operated by "Uncle" Joe Howard, the dean of North Carolina nurserymen. He has probably taught more persons the nursery trade than any other man. Among his pupils was his son, Bill, who is manager of the Howard Hickory Co., Hickory, N. C. Mr. Howard furnished an open truck for the tour of his nursery.

This firm specializes in conifers, hollies and other broad-leaved plants. The stock looked exceptionally healthy, even though it was without irrigation and the thermometer stood at 94 degrees Fahrenheit. Rain had been slight during the preceding months. The nursery digs its plants in the hot weather with much success. It has three greenhouses for propagation, with beds for the young plants in the sunlight, but under irrigation.

The next stop for the nurserymen was the College Village, Winston-Salem, where a luncheon arranged for them by Dan Reynolds was thoroughly enjoyed.

After luncheon the nurserymen repaid Mr. Reynold's courtesy by making a visit to the Reynolds Nursery Co., Lewisville, just west of Winston-Salem. This 60-acre nursery was established 85 years ago, following the Civil war, and was passed down to the four Reynolds brothers, who are engaged in landscaping and beautifying the estates of the "landed gentry" of the area.

The nursery specializes in broadleaved plants and large landscape specimens, including hollies and shade and flowering trees. The nursery has a pond for its irrigation, and all rain falling in the area is directed to it. This is a method of water storage, used commonly on the island of Bermuda, which is becoming popular with nurseries in North Carolina, where there are no running streams for irrigation.

Cultivation at the Reynolds Nursery Co. is mostly by Super C Farmall tractor, which has a 30-inch clearance for plants up to four feet tall. The nursery propagates in coldframes and has a slat house for small and shade-loving plants.

Boxwood Nurseries

The tour then moved to the Boxwood Nurseries, Mocksville, owned by H. W. Brown. This firm is about 40 years old and covers approximately 50 acres. Mr. Brown

has been in poor health for a number of years, and the business is actively managed by his son-in-law, G. A. Boger. The firm specializes in boxwoods, hemlocks, azaleas and the broad-leaved plants. It employs a most unusual method of propagation. A plain wood slat house is used, and the soil is mixed with peat moss for cuttings. The cuttings are left there for two years or more and then transplanted to the open field. Also grown under this house are camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons and other shade-loving plants. Many plants are grown in 10-foot beds. where sawdust and shavings are used for mulching.

Sign of Boxwoods

By way of advertising his business to travelers on the highway, Mr. Brown has "Boxwood Nurseries" spelled out with boxwoods planted on a slope in front of his stone, ranchstyle house. This device has a good effect when seen from the highway.

There are approximately 10 nurseries in this area, apparently the soil here is especially suitable, but the association tour was unable to visit all of them. The next stop was at the Carolina Nurseries, Inc., five miles north of Charlotte. This 10-year-old firm is owned by George Coulter. It stands on 25 acres of ground. Though it is comparatively young, the nursery has plenty of experience behind it, as the owner's father, who at present owns and operates the Catawba Nursery, New-

ton, N. C., is a nurseryman of long standing. George Coulter also has three brothers who own or are otherwise connected with other nurseries within the state.

The Carolina Nurseries, Inc., has a general line of nursery stock and introduces new plants at the town of Piedmont. The nursery uses a semi-submerged greenhouse in propagation, thereby assuring cooler summers and warmer winters and providing for maximum moisture retention in the plant soil. Mr. Coulter's is an attractive nursery and has a particularly well-constructed office building, which includes a shed for storage of equipment, packing and shipping.

After this visit the party moved on to the Barringer hotel, at Charlotte, where the reservations and arrangements for dinner were made by Luther Harkey. The nurserymen staved there for the night.

Mecklenburg Nurseries, Inc.

The first visit on the next day was made to the Mecklenburg Nurseries, Inc., two miles west of Charlotte. This firm covers about 40 acres and is 35 years old. It is operated by W. C. McDaniel, who is assisted by a charming wife and two sons, Joe and Harold. Mr. McDaniel has been prominent in affairs of the Southern Nurserymen's Association for the past 24 years. His business specializes in large specimen plants along with the routine nursery stock. The firm is meeting with

considerable success in growing camellias and azaleas, plants which have not been grown here before because of the climate. The organization also grows a quantity of plants in cans so as to extend the planting season. Most of the small plants grow under a shade house or under trees.

Hayes Nursery

The Haves Nursery, not far from the Mecklenburg firm, was the next port of call. Edward G. Hayes owns and operates this 15-acre nursery with the assistance of his two sons He uses a nearby lake for irrigation and has about two acres of irrigated woodland for plant growth. He has a general stock and specializes in hollies, broad-leaved and specimen plants. In fact, some of the best specimen plants observed on the tour were seen here. Mr. Haves was originally a rose grower for Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa., having gone into business for himself after he acquired sufficient knowledge of

The party then was the guest of the Gill Mfg. Co., Charlotte, where Mr. Gilreath supervised a demonstration of his new type of pulverizer.

The Greenway Nursery, Inc., five miles east of Charlotte, was the next firm to receive the nurserymen. It is 3 years old and covers 10 acres. It is owned and operated by Warren Redd, who was associated with the Mecklenburg Nurseries for a number of years. He has a general stock, some especially fine hollies and broad-leaved evergreens, and the firm has excellent potentialities for a young enterprise. Mr. Redd has a small greenhouse, with a capacity of 10,000 plants, which is heated by steam from an oil burner and has thermostatic control. By the use of this equipment he was able to produce four houses of cuttings in one year with a good percentage of rooting.

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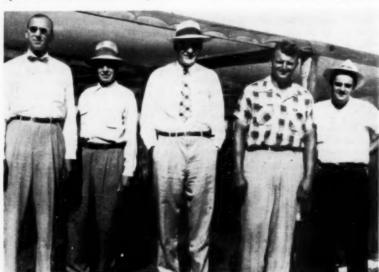
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Harkey's a Young Firm

The Frank Harkey Nursery, five miles south of Charlotte, has 15 acres and is 3 years old. It is owned and operated by Frank Harkey, who previously was in business with his brothers and consequently acquired a vast knowledge of the nursery business. The nursery has healthy stock, which is irrigated from a pond. Mr. Harkey utilizes trees for shade in the growth of young plants and cotton waste material for mulching, a common prac-

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Closcup of some of the North Carolina nurserymen who participated in the summer tour. Left to right, Dan Reynolds, L. A. Reynolds, Inc., Winston-Salem, N. C.; Frank LeClair, head of the landscape department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Jack Gartner, ornamental horticulturist for the North Carolina extension service, Raleigh, N. C.; Howell Stroup, Cherryville Nursery, Cherryville, N. C., president of the North Carolina Nurserymen's Association, and Glenn Gilmore, Jr., North State Nursery, Julian, N. C.; vice-president of the North Carolina association.

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Klaas de Wilde, of Perkins-de Wilde Nurseries, Shiloh, N. J., points out some interesting plants growing at his nursery. Looking on are, left to right, Sam Blair, Blair's Nurseries, Inc., Nutley, president of the New Jersey Association of Nurserymen; Prof. H. M. Bickart, research specialist in plant propagation, Rutgers University; Raymond P. Korbobo, Rutgers University, secretary of the New Jersey association, and August Kindsgrab, St. Cloud Nurseries, West Orange, association treasurer. The scene occurred during the association's summer outing.

Rain Fails to Dampen Spirits At New Jersey Summer Meeting

By Raymond P. Korbobo

On August 5, some 200 members and guests of the New Jersey Association of Nurservmen traveled to Shiloh, at the southern end of the Garden state, to attend another in a long line of successful summer meetings. At the executive committee meeting in May, when the date was set, the writer predicted rain for August 5. It did just that—for the fifth time in six such meetings. However, Klaas de Wilde, of Perkins-de Wilde Nurseries, the program chairman, was not the least bit concerned. The tables were set up at one end of their loading station, and the 200 well-fed nurserymen, their wives and their guests were lost under the huge roof. It could easily have housed from 1.500 to 2.000 persons. (Also, the rain was welltimed - it waited until all outside activities were completed.)

One member suggested that the Texas association might invite the New Jersey nurserymen down there for a meeting, as this would be a sure means of inducing it to rain for them. How about it, Texas?

The meeting was arranged so that leisure could be mixed with a pleasant dose of education. This seems to work well during New Jersey's hot summers. There were bus trips arranged so that any or all could

ride through the Perkins-de Wilde Nurseries, the Koster Nursery and Seabrook Farms (frozen foods operation). A complete display of the mechanized equipment used at the Perkins-de Wilde Nurseries was on hand, and, also, the members were able to amble through the propagating beds and houses and have a look.

Soil Improvement Pioneer

The firm at Shiloh is a fabulous story in itself because it was one of the first, if not the first, in the nation to cooperate with the technicians from the soil conservation service and the agricultural extension service at Rutgers University to see what could be done about saving and then improving the soil. It was washing away at an alarming rate. To tell the complete story would take too long for this report; so perhaps some day a feature story with pictures could be published in these pages so that other owners of nurseries might derive enough courage to do something about their own problems.

Therefore, let us make the story on the nursery brief in this article. Harry R. Slayback and Wallace A. Mitcheltree, both of the New Jersey agricultural extension service, in an

article for the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, May, 1953, had this to say: "Suppose you bought a 100-acre farm and decided to raise nursery stock. Suppose that, in spite of all your efforts in the way of resting land, using cover crops and planting hedge row barriers, you found 20 years later that it took six years to raise nursery stock previously requiring only five. That, in addition, the topsoil was being moved into hedge rows by the wind. That rain water was washing tons of good topsoil into a low-lying area. That this topsoil had to be hauled back to fill the gullies in the spring. That a \$5,000 loss a year was being brought about by the soil's washing away from plant roots at the ends of the rows. And that the purchase of an additional 200 acres only added to these problems, in that some of this land had to be retired in a short time because it was too wet.

"The above brief description was the condition in which the late Roland de Wilde, Sr., and his son, Klaas, of Perkins-de Wilde Nurseries, Shiloh, N. J., found themselves in 1942. In desperation, after seeing some soil stabilization work that had been established on nearby farms, they appealed to the South Jersey Soil Conservation district for assistance."

Unbelievable Improvement

That was the beginning of the story of the saving of the Perkinsde Wilde Nurseries. Few of the members who viewed the entire setup during the bus trips could possibly believe that the firm was in such terrible condition just 11 years ago. What they saw was almost unbelievable, even to nurserymen. The property was so clean of weeds that members would ask the bus driver to stop whenever they saw a lone weed so that they might go out and pull it out. This, of course, was all in jest, but it certainly pointed up the fact that the firm was in a state of perfect maintenance.

They also saw beautifully contoured rows of plants. There are some straight rows in the nurseries, but not many of them. Some of the contours are so slight you can hardly notice them, while others are sharp. They saw grassed waterways that are used to take care of any runoff during excessively heavy rains. One of these is three fourths of a mile in length. It is 15 feet wide at the beginning and 50 feet wide at the outlet

They were told that about 10 per cent of the nursery area is taken up in grassed waterways and contour [Continued on page 48]



Argel Pion, Fort Wayne, center, host nurseryman at the Indiana summer meeting, outlines a tour of his city's parks to Harold Bohling, Munster, left, vice-president of the Indiana Association of Nurserymen, and Tom Hobbs, Bridgeport, association president.

Demonstrations, Tours Feature Indiana Group's Summer Meet

By Robert C. Simpson

On August 5, Argel Pion, of the Pion Landscape Co., Fort Wayne, was host to approximately 100 visitors from all parts of Indiana. Every section of the state was represented as the nurserymen assembled for their annual 2-day summer meeting. Registration and an executive committee meeting occupied the morning.

At this time preliminary plans were made for the program of the winter meeting, to be held at Purdue University the third week of January, 1954.

Because of the many inquiries received by the Purdue horticulture department for sources of nursery materials, the need for a source list of plant materials normally available within the state was expressed by Prof. R. B. Hull.

The annual winter meeting for the first time will feature a special nursery exhibit intended for the visiting public rather than for the nurserymen themselves. The Purdue student horticultural club will assist the association in the preparation of this exhibit. It will occupy a special room on the main floor of the Purdue memorial union reserved for educational displays of many kinds. This exhibit will remain for a full week, will be educational in nature and will be built around the theme of "Plant Indiana — Help Plant America." Because of the intensive use of the Purdue memorial union for state and national conferences, as well as for student activities, this will be an unusual opportunity to reach the public.

The summer meeting was notable for the number of new and younger faces and the absence of many of the older nurserymen. The vitality and enthusiasm of these younger nurserymen were reflected in the planning for a successful, streamlined winter meeting.

Power Equipment

After lunch at nearby eating places, the afternoon session was given to displays and demonstrations by commercial exhibitors. These included such items as mist blowers, rotary mowers, the Scythette mower, chain saws and irrigation equipment. Power equipment for soil preparation attracted much

attention. An established sod was quickly worked into planting condition by use of the Howard Rotavator rotary tractor tiller followed by a York rake. The Gem 15-horsepower model was also shown to be highly effective in working up smaller areas of the same sod and for row cultivation. Another item that attracted considerable attention was the Gravely 36-inch rotary power mower. This mower is one of the few with adequate power for cutting heavy growth. The sickle bar attachment for this tractor appears as powerful and ruggedly constructed as that of standard field mowers.

Mrs. Argel Pion was hostess to the ladies in her lovely new home. Her daughter, Dorothy, entertained the children with an afternoon trip to the bird sanctuary at Fronky park

The evening banquet was held in the air-conditioned dining room of the Hotel Van Orman. Later, Howard Van Gunten, superintendent of the Fort Wayne city parks, described the extensive park system of Fort Wayne and outlined the tour scheduled for the following morning.

Henry Schnitzius, one of two official delegates to the American Association of Nurserymen convention, gave a lively report of the high points of the meeting. Dr. N. K. Ellis, head of the horticulture department at Purdue, gave an appraisal of the present nursery-teaching program at Purdue.

Insects to Watch

Paul Ulman, assistant state entomologist, summarized the insect problems of the year. He will be glad when winter comes, he said, as this has been one of the most unusual seasons on record. The summer has been ideal for every kind of insect. Aphis and bagworms have been a problem even in nurseries. If there should be a mild winter, he predicted, there will be a big inerease next year.

He called attention to the outstanding research being done on ornamentals by Don Schuder, of the Purdue department of entomology. Malathon was recommended for late season infestations of bagworms. This material is closely related to Parathion, nearly as effective, and about as safe to use as DDT. Four pounds of the 25 per cent wettable powder to 100 gallons of water is effective at this time of year when lead arsenate has given zero kill. There has been a scale build-up over the entire state, especially in the

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Pennsylvanians Enjoy Picnic at State College

By R. P. Meabl

More than 150 attended the summer meeting of the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association, held at State College, August 13, with the department of horticulture of Pennsylvania State College playing host. The meeting was an all-day informal picnic, with everyone free to visit the points of interest on the campus.

During the morning, soil preparing tools were demonstrated, while in the afternoon, bus tours of the campus and the 3,000 acres of farm land under experimentation were taken. Of special interest were the fine turf plots and the flower and rose test gardens. At the grass plots various mixtures were noted for best use for lawns, golf courses and recreation fields, and the effects of various fertilizing and watering programs were studied.

The flower test garden has more than 900 samples of annual flowers in bloom, where they are checked for trueness to type and color, uni-



Soil tilling equipment draws an interested group at the Pennsylvania summer meeting.

formity, quality of flowers and general garden value. The rose gardens contain over 250 varieties of hybrid tea and 35 varieties of floribunda roses. All the past winners of the All-America rose award are featured, as well as those still in competition.

Business Meeting

At the short business meeting, with President Lewis Barr, Lancaster, presiding, reports were heard from Ray Hively, York, and Walter Stein, Wrightsville, concerning the recent A. A. N. meeting. Mr. Hively gave a short resume of the business while Mr. Stein covered the social activities.

Vice-president Al Vick, Narberth, reported for the committee studying

the possible merger of the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association and the Western Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association. He said before a merger could be made, it would be necessary for the bylaws to be changed. The necessary changes will be circulated to the membership before the annual meeting so that action can be taken at that time.

The effect of the new sales tax on sales of nursery stock was discussed. There is some question whether it will apply. Since it was felt the intent of the law was to exempt all agricultural products, it was decided to refer the matter to the secretary of revenue for clarification.

The evening dinner was held in the American Legion Home, at Bellefonte, with Miles Horst, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture; Dr. Russell E. Larson, head of the department of horticulture, and Dr. Herbert R. Albrecht, director of agricultural extension, as guests. Dr. William M. Smith, professor of family relations, was the main speaker. He spoke on "Take a Walk Around Yourself." His talk was timely and showed the importance of proper attitudes and behavior in all human relationships, whether they are between members of a family, friends, business associates or employees.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the new award, made possible by the gift of J. Hansell French, former secretary of agriculture, for the "Nurseryman of the Year." The first award was made to Albert F. Meehan, Dresher, in recognition of his outstanding service to the association for over 25 years as secretary and treasurer.



This is the way to hold a meeting! A glimpse of the business session at the Pennsylvania summer meeting, held in a natural setting under the trees.

Pointers on Propagation

Propagating Ilex Opaca

By James S. Wells

During the past seven years I have watched with considerable interest the steady rise of Ilex opaca from a position of comparative obscurity to one of immediate practical importance to every nurseryman. Our salesman recently told me that it was his considered opinion that we should set out substantial plantings of all types of ilex, but particularly clonal forms of the American holly, Ilex opaca.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the whole of the holly family is becoming of immediate importance to the nursery industry, because many varieties fit so well into the planting of the modern, low, ranch-type home. They are hardy, generally evergreen and highly decorative; therefore, the wise grower will, in my opinion, maintain a steady production in all types. With this in mind, we will consider propagation of various types of holly in some detail.

The propagation of I. opaca was covered in these columns October 15, 1951, but since that time our methods have been refined somewhat, so that it should be of value to reconsider the subject in detail.

To raise nursery plants of I. opaca,

it is no longer satisfactory to pick a few berrying plants from the local woods and propagate from them. This procedure is only permissible if the plant is unusually outstanding, but in order for its value to be judged correctly stock plants of recognized varieties should be compared. A considerable amount of careful selection and breeding has been done in recent years, and excellent clonal selections are now available. The horticultural value of the woodland seedlings can vary tremendously, but most of the selected forms have dark green leaves, some with a glossy sheen, and produce heavy crops of well-colored berries. There are some excellent selections growing on the grounds of the Bovce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, N. Y., while some equally good varieties are at the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation. Swarthmore, Pa. Whatever the source of propagating material, one should make certain that the plants themselves are outstanding in the important points of habit of growth, size and color of leaves, size, color and quantity of berries and hardi-

All these points should be care-

Well-rooted cuttings of Ilex opaca, showing the type of cutting taken and the root system produced by treatment with 1 per cent 2,4,5-TP. Note lumps of peat still attached to the roots.

fully checked before a plant is selected for propagation.

On the assumption that the propagating material is good, let us consider the most important steps pointing toward a good stand of young plants.

Grafting Versus Cuttings

comparatively recently. propagation of I. opaca was carried out by grafting onto prepared 2vear-old seedling understocks of the same variety. The seedlings them-selves, while coming thickly in the second year from seeds, are useless for normal nursery trade because some holly plants are male and others female. The female or berrybearing plants are the only ones that are required in quantity, but it might take four or five years before a seedling would flower so that its sex could be determined, and even then it might well be an undesirable form. Vegetative propagation of selected forms was essential, and grafting was the method used. However, this is no longer necessary, because we now know how to propagate I. opaca successfully from cut-

As is often the case in propagating techniques, timing is one of the most important single factors with which we have to deal, and it is for this reason that this article appears now, because about September 1 seems to be the best time. It is not possible to be accurate about this because the time in different localities varies, but here in south New Jersey the last week in August and the first week in September are usually the best times. However, timing varies from season to season, and in looking through a neighbor's greenhouses two weeks ago I noticed substantial batches of I. opaca cuttings which had just been inserted and appeared to be in excellent condition. But we have not made any vet and probably will not do so until the end of August and the beginning of September. I know from personal experience how a first-class batch of cuttings can suddenly turn black a few days after being inserted in the bench if the timing is off by a

It may be that you have already tried some I. opaca cuttings and they have turned black in this way. If so, I would earnestly advise you to try again, because cuttings taken from the same trees and apparently identical in every way, but just two weeks later, can succeed just as thoroughly as the first batch failed.

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The Attractive Facade of Red Hill Nursery Achieves Variety by Skillful Use of Stucco, Glass and Wood Panels.

Garden Shop is Architectural News

Though designed by a landscape man rather than a building architect, the Red Hill Nursery, San Anselmo, Calif., is architectural news. It rises on piers over a creek, thus achieving greater spaciousness than it otherwise would have, and appears to float over the water. A huge willow tree growing on the bank of the creek protrudes through the salesyard's flying deck at one side of the construction, shading a portion of the nursery's open display area and enforcing the designer's intention to unify the building and grounds under a roof theme. Benches under the trees overlook the creek and provide a cool, pleasant spot for customers to rest.

Wholesale nurserymen Harold B. Watkin and E. Kent Sibbald, who have been in busniess in the area since 1947, are owners of the new enterprise. They originally purchased the creekside site to use as a plant material or storage yard, and it might have remained so were it not for Jack Alvarado, who had been hired by the firm to buy and grow plant material for its increasing landscape construction jobs. His enthusiasm for the project gave the impetus to launch the retail nursery. The three men called in Lawrence Halprin, prominent bay area landscape architect, who designed the master plan for the new park at Sacramento and the Davis and Santa Barbara campuses of the University of California, and with whom the firm had cooperated on landscape construction jobs. The four men talked together of the way a nursery should be run. All had ideas, and one was that a landscape architect would better understand problems of nursery layout than a building architect. Lawrence Halprin was thereupon chosen to work out a plan for the new nursery. After many conferences, Mr. Halprin and his associates designed the unusual indoor-outdoor building with the aid of architectural and engineering consultants.

The main aim was to design the building so that a person passing from the building to the outside area would not realize where the building ended and the garden (or sales area) took over, but would feel that the two parts flowed spontaneously into one another without an abrupt division. The effect was achieved—as one passes from the building housing the offices and showrooms to the area shaded by

lath and on into the openness of the garden, one is unaware of a break in continuity.

The roof theme was a major means of achieving the desired results. A solid roof covers the main building. Extending out from it is a lath construction which serves as partial roofing and creates interesting horizontal patterns of sunlight and shadow, thus being not only of practical use to shade plants but also artistically pleasing in effect as well as in concept. Beyond the lath roof, the leaves of the huge willow tree form a great natural roof and provide dappled shade for flats of young plants.

The generous use of glass, too, [Continued on page 77]



The nursery, built on a creekside site, stands on piers and overhangs the water. A large willow tree growing on the creek's bank protrudes through the flying deck and provides natural shading for plants at one side of the open sales area.



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Flowering Trees

By Fred J. Nisbet

(Second of two parts)

In a previous article it was suggested that small or medium-size trees should be selected for planting around low-outline modern houses and on small lots. In this way the scale of the landscape picture would be preserved. There are many trees suitable for this use which are usually considered as specimens because of their ornamental flowers and, sometimes, their fruits. Many of these plants deserve a wider use, for they may be used in framing a house or as part of a background planting perhaps even better than many of the common "shade" trees.

It is general practice in selecting plants with conspicuous flowers to give most of the attention to the size, color and season of the bloom. Because of this tendency, many gardens are set with plants which are gaunt, coarse, just plain uninspiring or even ugly for 11 months and some days of the year-all this for the sake of the flowers, which may last but a few days. Examples are common, but mention of Catalpa speciosa, among the trees, and forsythia species, in the shrubs, is probably sufficient. There is, of course, no need for this. We have a wealth of plants which are attractive, in one respect or another, over much of the year. They deserve, and are beginning to receive, just recognition. The following list has been selected with this in mind, although not all of the plants conform entirely.

The serviceberries, amelanchier species, might well be used more than they are. They all benefit from some early pruning to develop a single straight stem. They are adaptable as to soils and are all hardy enough to grow in zone 4. The white flowers are borne in racemes and are particularly striking if they have an evergreen background. A. canadensis, the shadblow of New England, will reach 25 feet in cultivation and has foliage that is silvery when young. The flowers of A. grandiflora are larger. and the buds are tinged pink. The Allegany serviceberry, A. laevis, tends to be shrubby and somewhat lower than the shadblow. The young leaves are purplish. In all cases the fruits are edible, and the autumn color is yellow to orange or red.

Redbud Has Disadvantages

The redbud, Cercis canadensis, is apt to be troubled with diseases and, therefore, to be rather short-lived. Still, its early pealike flowers—some even springing from the tree trunk itself—and the large, heart-shaped leaves have considerable interest. Early pruning is necessary to develop a single leader. Twenty feet, more or less, is the usual ultimate height. There are those who do not like the rose-pink color of the flowers. For them, there is the white-flowered form, C. c. alba. This plant is definitely tenderer when young; so only larger plants should be grown in exposed positions.

American yellow wood, The Cladrastis lutea, seems to be little known. This is unfortunate, for it is a pleasing plant. Not the least of its good qualities is its characteristic of bearing fragrant, white, wistarialike blooms in June. It is adaptable as to soils and exposure and may be expected to reach about 35 feet in height, occasionally slightly more. The bark is smooth and a pleasing gray. The compound foliage usually turns a soft and lovely yellow in the fall, although sometimes orange is the predominant color.

Little need be said about the flowering dogwoods, Cornus florida and C. f. rubra, as they are wellknown and generally beloved. Most of the varieties are not of particular merit. C. f. pendula, the weeping flowering dogwood, does have a limited place, but C. f. welchi, with leaves of white and green overlaid with a muddy pink flush, is a spindly monstrosity, suited only to plant collections.

The Japanese dogwood, Cornus kousa, is another worth-while but neglected plant. The habit here is definitely vase-shaped until maturity, when it changes to become more nearly horizontal. The flowers open as those of the native species fade and often make the longer show. The multiple fruits are larger than the berries of C. florida. The fall color of the smaller, more refined leaves is not so striking as those of the native sorts. As with the redbud, young plants lack the hardiness they exhibit later, so 6 to 8-foot plants should be the minimum for transplanting to exposed or cold positions. While exceptionally large flowering dogwoods may pass the usual height of 20 feet, the Asian counterpart must have good growth to reach that height.

Hawthorns Widely Grown

The hawthorns have long been widely grown, even though most of them are a host to many troubles and some of them are second-rate or worse. For general planting, perhaps only one may safely be recommended. This is the Washington thorn, Crataegus phaenopyrum (C. cordata). There is no season of the year when this upright, denseheaded tree is not attractive. Its small white flowers are carried in

many-flowered clusters in June and are followed by brilliant red fruits, which persist for many months. Its glossy leaves turn brilliant red in the fall in a display that holds longer than that of most plants. As these trees reach maturity, at about 20 to 25 feet, their general outline changes to a rather rounded form, which is always dense and twiggy. There is a columnar variety, C. p. fastigiata, which I have not seen, that is highly recommended.

After years of intermittent publicity the Franklin tree, Franklinia alatamaha, is beginning to catch on slowly with the gardening public. I believe that acceptance of it will increase during the next 10 years. In September its large white flowers with golden stamens are most attractive. This show is quickly followed by fiery orange to red autumn foliage, which develops completely only in full sun. Where lack of hardiness is a problem, it is usual to let several stems develop, so that the plant becomes shrubby. Otherwise, it makes a 20 or 25-foot loose pyramid.

The Carolina silverbell, Halesia carolina, is not a first-rate plant. Its main claim to distinction lies in its attractive, drooping, bell-like flowers which appear in May. At other seasons, the foliage is nondescript and the branching somewhat ungainly. This species grows about 25 feet high in the wild, but seldom this tall in cultivation. Best used in semiwild areas, this rather broad tree may have a limited place in the back of a shrub border.

My enthusiasm for the golden-

rain tree. Koelreuteria paniculata. is moderate at best, but this greenbarked tree does have some good characteristics. Chief among its good points is the habit of bearing erect panicles of vellow flowers in July and August when blooms are not plentiful. These are followed by papery fruits, which change from yellowish to brown. If given room in which to develop, this tree forms a dense head—perhaps best described as umbrella-shaped—usually about 15 to 20 feet high. When crowded, however, it becomes leggy and unattractive. Although clay soils are not generally recommended, the golden-rain tree seems most adaptable. In some locations the bright green, compound leaves turn vellow in the fall.

The Laburnums

The laburnums, too, have yellow flowers, but they are pealike and hang in pendulous clusters in May or June. The best is the waterer laburnum, L. watereri (L. vossii, in many catalogs). It is erect in habit, dense in growth and varies from 15 to 25 feet in height. The flowers are larger and of a deeper yellow than those of the Scotch laburnum, L. alpinum. The latter is somewhat more open in growth and is considerably hardier. Both species seem quite adaptable as to soils and are easy to transplant. It is generally considered safest, however, to move them only in the spring and then with a ball.

The magnolias pose a big prob-[Continued on page 65]



Magnolia Kobus



Amelanchier Canadensis

THE ECONOMIST REPLIES TO

CHARLIE CHESTNUT



Dear Charlie:

I do not possess either 2-wheeled or 4-wheeled means of transportation. If buses are running at the hour when I go to or leave work I subject myself to the cantankerous drivers and the undependable, jerky, foul-smelling heaps of metal which come by. If only a post could be provided for hitching a horse or mule of the dependable, nursery-cultivating kind, I would long since have sought your aid in finding one, Charlie. Nostalgic memories make pleasant the noises and smells when following Dobbin as compared with those emanating from these buses.

A feeling of responsibility to nurserymen has caused many days to extend from 7 in the morning until 11 at night. Activities of the working hours forbid such delights as reading trade papers. That is done while waiting for the right bus and watching the wrong ones go by. It was under these circumstances that I recently made an important discovery, Charlie-your message to President John in the convention issue of the American Nurseryman. It is absolute proof that at least one nurseryman in the United States has looked over the figures pertaining to his industry.

This must be my introduction to you, Charlie, until such time as we may have a chance to sit down, whittle and chat. I am describing your national capital, seat of the much lamented bureaucracy. Into this maze I was thrust, on loan to your Uncle Sam for the specific purpose of assisting him in doing some special research for florists and nurserymen. By now you must have guessed it, Charlie. In the final analysis I must admit a good part of the guilt for the figures which you so kindly brought to the attention of President John.

Unless my trials with bureaucracy have completely fogged my memory, I believe that your column has been a feature in the American Nursery-

man ever since I was first exposed to this industry in 1931. At least it has been a column of interest to me for most of the time since those days of bigger and better bonfires of nursery stock. Of course, where I grew up on the prairie we would have given most anything to have had a few trees and shrubs within our view. But somehow your folks and my folks did not get together. The respective smoke signals must have been mixed up. At any rate the prairie became even more barren and nurservmen destroved even more stock before it was realized that the lines of communication had broken down - failed. Nurserymen had some things which people wanted and people wanted some things which nurserymen could provide. Unfortunately neither side knew the other's interest or distress-wants, if vou please.

As a whole, nurserymen had become pretty much like the bus company mentioned above. They had been making people take what they had and evidently thought people were liking it. Eventually there was resistance on the part of some consumers. The coincidence of this fact with the general inability to buy placed at least two strikes against nurserymen. Later, with a more general acceptance of producing what people wanted, the nursery industry rode through those lean years in better fashion than did many industries.

Through all those years and since, I have been obsessed with the fact that there is much more to the nursery business than plant exploration, developing new varieties, propagation, crop production, insect and disease control, plant materials and their uses. In good times, and even more so in bad times, it seemed important for nurserymen to know what, where, when, how, why and at what price nursery stock (and service) was available for sale and was desired by the people of America.

Now, Charlie, I would like to expand this subject a bit by writing to you about (1) your "snow-bound" reading matter, (2) wants and (3) communications.

Gazing globes, seances or witchcraft did not seem to be the answer to my obsession. Nor could an individual be found who was capable of observing all domestic nursery operations and imports in any given year. Even the best informed and most widely traveled "bush ped-dlers" operated on the basis of hunches rather than facts. It was also disappointing to discover that, in spite of meticulous attention to the details of cultural practices and related matters, European nurserymen also operated without knowledge of industry-wide inventories, sales, consumer potential and other business factors.

One way of taking some of the guesswork and unnecessary risk out of the nursery business was to accumulate experiences or information from the various establishments and from consumers. This could best be done at some central location. In addition, it was considered desirable to have such research done under the direction of some generally accepted and unbiased organization. If nurserymen were really going to plant America, they had to know more about the stock, the labor, the equipment and the finances with which the task was to be accomplished.

In 1945 some of your fellow nurserymen in New York saw fit to support and cooperate with a program of statistical and economic research at Cornell University. Almost immediately there were benefits for nurserymen in that state which aroused the interest of the industry on a national level. Since then all plans and progress are the result of a close working relationship with officers and committees of the American Association of Nurserymen.

One of the basic needs for development of such research for nurserymen was figures describing the various kinds of operation. It was decided that this would best be done as a part of existing statistical services of the federal government. The outcome of this decision was the granting of a special census to the nursery industry.

If the research was to be directed [Continued on page 70]

This is a reply by M. Truman Fossum, bureau of agricultural economics, United States Department of Agriculture, to the article, "To the Vice Pres. of the Convention," by Charlie Chestnut, which appeared in the July 15, 1953, issue of the American Nurseryman.

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|---|--------------|
| 15 18 to 24 ins | |
| 40 2 to 3 ft | |
| 55 3 to 4 ft | |
| 40 4 to 5 ft | 7.00 |
| Pseudotsuga douglasi (Douglas Fir) | 0.00 |
| 100 18 to 24 ins | |
| 100 2 to 3 ft | 3.00 |
| | 4.50 6.00 |
| | 6.00 |
| Abies fraseri (Fraser Fir) | |
| 140 18 to 24 ins | |
| | 2.50 |
| | 3.50 |
| Juniperus chinensis pfitzeriana compacta (Compact Pfitzer Juniper) | |
| 30 2 to 3 ft | 3.50 |
| 30 2 10 3 11 | 3.30 |
| Taxus cuspidata capitata (Upright Japanese Yew) | 0.00 |
| 150 18 to 24 ins | 3.00 |
| | 4.00 |
| -/2/2 | 4.50 |
| Upright Yews, No. 2 grade | 1.00 |
| 150 18 to 24 ins | 1.35 |
| 200 2 to 3 ft | 2.30 |
| | |
| Taxus cuspidata columnaris (Narrow Columnar Ye | X |
| 50 4 to 5 ft. | 6.00 |
| 33 5 to 6 ft | 8.00 |
| Taxus media hicksi (Hicks Yew) | |
| 185 3 to 3½ ft | 7.00 |
| 175 3½ to 4 ft | 8.00 |
| 70 4 to 4½ ft | 9.00 |
| | 10.00 |
| Taxus cuspidata (Spreading Yew). | |
| 70 4 to 5 ft | 15.00 |
| 60 5 to 6 ft | 18.00 |
| | 20.00 |
| Picea excelsa (Norway Spruce) | |
| 40 2 to 3 ft | 2.50 |
| 75 3 to 4 ft | 3.50 |
| 15 4 to 5 ft | 4.50 |
| | 7.00 |
| | 12.00 |
| 40 8 to 10 ft 20 10 to 12 ft | 18.00 |
| | 10.00 |
| Thuja occidentalis nigra (Dark American Arborvitae) | |
| | 2.00 |
| | 3.00 |
| | 4.00 |
| | 5.00 |
| | 3.00 |
| Juniperus virginalis glauca (Blue Cedar) | 0.05 |
| 110 2 to 3 ft. | 2.25 |
| 50 3 to 4 ft | 3.75 |
| | 4.75 6.00 |
| 20 5 to 6 ft | 0.00 |
| | |

| (Blue Columnar Juniper) 5 4 to 5 ft | 5 50 |
|---|--------------|
| 20 5 to 6 ft | 7.00 |
| 80 6 to 8 ft | 9.00 |
| | 15.00 |
| Pinus resinosa (Red Pine) | |
| 25 4 to 5 ft | 5.50 |
| 35 5 to 6 ft | 7.00 |
| | 12.00 |
| | 15.00 |
| | 18.00 |
| Pinus sylvestris (Scotch Pine) | |
| 40 4 to 5 ft | 5.50 |
| 35 5 to 6 ft | 7.00 |
| | 2.00 |
| Juniperus excelsa stricta (Greek Juniper) | 0.00 |
| 50 2 to 3 ft | 3.00 |
| Chamaecyparis plumosa aurea | |
| (Goldenplume Cypress) | |
| 15 3 to 4½ ft | 4.00 |
| 20 4½ to 5½ ft | 5.00 |
| Euonymus fortunei vegetus (Evergreen Bittersweet) | |
| 300 12 to 15 ins., B&B | 1.25 |
| Colorado Green Spruce | |
| 20 3 to 4 ft | 4.50 |
| 35 4 to 5 ft | 5.00 |
| 40 5 to 6 ft | 8.50 2.00 |
| | 5.00 |
| | 0.00 |
| Red-leaved Japanese Barberry | 1.15 |
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| SHRUBS: Weigela rösea, Kolkwitzia amabilis, Ligust ibota, Forsythia spectabilis, Syringa vulgaris, Syri Henry Lutece, Philadelphus virginalis, Hydran paniculata, Lonicera tatarica. | nga |
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| (Double, pink-flowering Almond), own-r | | 0 1000 | (Showy Border Forsythia). Per 10 Per 10 | |
| Per IO | Per 100 | Per 1000 | 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br\$1.25 \$10.0 | |
| 12 to 18 ins., T., well-br | \$25.00 | \$200.00 | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., well-br 2.00 15.0 | 0 |
| 18 to 24 ins., T., well-br 3.50 | 27.50 | 250.00 | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., well-br 2.50 20.0 | 0 |
| 2 to 3 ft., T., well-br 4.50 | 40.00 | * * * * | HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA | |
| 3 to 4 ft., T., well-br 5.50 | 47.50 | | (Peegee Hydrangea) | |
| BERBERIS THUNBERGI | | | 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br 2.00 15.0 | \$125.00 |
| (Green-leaved Barberry) | | | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., well-br 3.00 25.0 | |
| 12 to 15 ins., 2-yr., S 1.00 | 6.00 | 55.00 | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., well-br 4.00 35.0 | |
| 15 to 18 ins., 2-yr., S 1.25 | 7.00 | 65.00 | LONICERA MORROWI (Morrow's Honeysuckle) | |
| 12 to 15 ins., T., br 2.00 | 15.00 | | LONICERA TATARICA | * |
| 15 to 18 ins., T., br | 20.00 | * * * * | (Tatarian Honeysuckle). | |
| 18 to 24 ins., T., br 3.00 | 25.00 | | | . 70.00 |
| CALYCANTHUS FLORIDUS (Sweet Shrub) | 25.00 | | 12 to 18 ins., hedging 1.00 8.0 | |
| | 15 00 | 125.00 | 18 to 24 ins., hedging 1.10 10.0 | |
| 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., br., S 2.00 | | | 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., T., well-br 1.50 12.5 | |
| 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., br., S 3.00 | 22.50 | 200.00 | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., T., well-br 2.50 17.5 | |
| 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., br., S 3.50 | 25.00 | 225.00 | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., T., well-br 4.00 30.0 | 0 250.00 |
| 12 to 18 ins., T | 20.00 | 175.00 | MAGNOLIA LILIFLORA NIGRA | |
| 18 to 24 ins., T 3.00 | 25.00 | 225.00 | MAGNOLIA SOULANGEANA Each | |
| 2 to 3 ft., T | 30.00 | **** | 18 to 24 ins., B&B\$2.0 | \$17.50 |
| CORNUS STOLONIFERA | | | 2 to 3 ft., B&B | |
| (Red Osier Dogwood) | | | 3 to 4 ft., B&B | |
| 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., T 2.00 | 15.00 | | PHILADELPHUS CORONARIUS (Sweet Mock O | |
| 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., T 2.50 | 20.00 | | Per IO Per IO | |
| 3 to 4 ft., 2-yr., T 3.00 | 25.00 | * + * * | 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., br\$1.50 \$10.0 | |
| CYDONIA JAPONICA (Japanese Quince) | | | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., br 2.00 15.0 | |
| 12 to 18 ins., S | 3.00 | 25.00 | 2 to 3 ft., 4 br | |
| 18 to 24 ins., S | 4.50 | 40.00 | ROSA MULTIFLORA JAPONICA | 0 150.00 |
| 2 to 3 ft., S | 6.50 | 60.00 | | 10.00 |
| CYDONIA JAPONICA RUBRA | 0.00 | 00.00 | 8 to 12 ins., S., I to 2 mm | |
| | | | 12 to 18 ins., S., 2 to 3 mm 1.7 | |
| (Japanese Quince), | | | 18 to 24 ins., S., 3 to 4 mm | 17.50 |
| true upright red, nonfruiting. | 25.00 | 225.00 | SPIRAEA ANTHONY WATERER | |
| 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br 3.00 | 25.00 | 225.00 | 12 to 15 ins., 3-yr 4.00 30.0 | |
| 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., well-br 4.50 | 40.00 | 350.00 | 15 to 18 ins., 3-yr 5.00 40.0 | |
| 2 to 3 ft., 3-yr., well-br 5.50 | 50.00 | 450.00 | 18 to 24 ins., 3-yr 6.00 50.0 | |
| 3 to 4 ft., 3-yr., well-br 6.50 | 60.00 | * * * * | SPIRAEA PRUNIFOLIA (Bridal Wreath) | |
| CYTISUS SCOPARIUS (Scotch Broom) | | | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., well-br 4.00 30.00 | |
| 2 to 3 ft., S 2.00 | 15.00 | 125.00 | 3 to 4 ft., 2-yr., | |
| 3 to 4 ft., S 2.50 | 20.00 | 175 00 | well-br., heavy clumps 6.00 50.00 | |
| 18 to 24 ins., S., br., heavy 2.00 | 15.00 | 125.00 | 4 to 5 ft., 2-yr., | |
| 2 to 3 ft., S., br., heavy 2.50 | 20.00 | 175.00 | well-br., heavy clumps 7.00 60.0 | |
| 3 to 4 ft., S., br., heavy 3.00 | 25.00 | 200.00 | SYRINGA VULGARIS (Common Purple Lilac), | |
| DEUTZIA SCABRA | | | own-root | |
| Varieties: | | | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., mostly whips 3.50 30.00 | 250.00 |
| CANDIDA, double, white | | | 3 to 4 ft., 2-yr., mostly whips 5.00 45.00 | |
| CRENATA, double, pink | | | 12 to 18 ins., 3-yr., well-br 2.50 20.00 | • |
| PRIDE OF ROCHESTER, double, white | | | | |
| | 12.50 | | 18 to 24 ins., 3-yr., well-br 3.00 25.00 | • |
| 18 to 24 ins., well-br | 15.00 | | 2 to 3 ft., 3-yr., well-br 4.00 35.00 | |
| | | | VIBURNUM TOMENTOSUM (Double-file Viburna | |
| 3 to 4 ft., well-br | 20.00 | | 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br 6.00 50.00 | |
| ORSYTHIA FORTUNEI (Fortune Forsythia | | | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., well-br 7.00 60.0 | |
| ORSYTHIA INTERMEDIA (Border Forsyth | | | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr., well-br 9.00 75.00 | |
| | | | MATERIAL AND | |
| 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br 1.25 | 6.00 | 1111 | WEIGELA AMABILIS, light pink | |
| 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br 1.25 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., well-br 1.50 | 10.00 | **** | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., br 2.50 20.00 | |
| 12 to 18 ins., 2-yr., well-br 1.25 | | | | |

| FOREST and SHADE | TR | REES | NUT TREES | |
|---|----------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| ACER DASYCARPUM (Silver Maple) | | | CASTANEA MOLLISSIMA (Chinese Chestnut) | |
| | er 100 | Per 1000 | (This is the true blight-resistant | |
| | 60.00 | | Chinese Chestnut from an or- | |
| 6 to 8 ft., T., well-br., tops. 10.00 | 80.00 | \$ 750.00 | chard of selected strain.) | |
| | 125.00 | 1100.00 | | Per 1000 |
| | 150.00 | | 18 to 24 ins., 2-yr., S \$ 5.00 \$40.00 | **** |
| | 175.00 | + + + + | 2 to 3 ft., 2-yr 7.00 55.00 | |
| 2 to 2½-in. caliper 22.50 2 CERCIS CANADENSIS (American Redbud) | 200.00 | 11.44 | 3 to 4 ft., 2-yr | * + > + |
| 3 to 4 ft., T., br 5.00 | 40.00 | | HICORIA LACINIOSA (Shellbark Hickory) HICORIA OVATA (Shagbark Hickory) | |
| 4 to 5 ft., T., br 6.50 | 55.00 | | 12 to 18 ins., S | \$ 85.00 |
| 5 to 6 ft., T., br 9.00 | 80.00 | | 18 to 24 ins., S | 100.00 |
| | 00.00 | **** | 2 to 3 ft., S 2.25 17.50 | 125.00 |
| CORNUS FLORIDA (White Dogwood) | | | JUGLANS CINEREA | |
| | 50.00 | | (White Walnut "Butternut") | |
| | 25.00 | | 3 to 4 ft., S | |
| | 75.00 | * * * * | 4 to 5 ft., S 5.50 45.00 | 5.4.4.X |
| (Add 50c per plant for B&B) | | | 5 to 6 ft., S 8.00 65.00 | * * * * |
| LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA | | | JUGLANS NIGRA (Black Walnut) 3 to 4 ft., S | 110.00 |
| (American Sweet Gum) 4 to 5 ft., T., well-br 10.00 | 80.00 | | 3 to 4 ft., S | 130.00 |
| | 00.00 | **** | 5 to 6 ft., S | 175.00 |
| | 25.00 | | JUGLANS SIEBOLDIANA | |
| | 200.00 | | (Japanese Walnut) | |
| (Add \$1.00 per tree for B&B) | | | 2 to 3 ft., S 4.50 37.50 | **** |
| LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA (Tulip Tree) | | | 3 to 4 ft., S 6.00 | **** |
| | 60.00 | * 1.4 % | 4 to 5 ft., S 7.50 | |
| | 75.00 | | 5 to 6 ft., S 10.00 | **** |
| | 00.00 | | PECAN, STUART | 1000.00 |
| MALUS (Flowering Crab) ELEYI, bright red | | | 3 to 4 ft | 1000.00 |
| FLORIBUNDA, pink | | | 5 to 6 ft | 1250.00 |
| HOPA, red | | | 6 to 8 ft | |
| NORMANDI, pink with large red fruit | | | 8 to 10 ft | |
| 3 to 4 ft., 7/16-in. caliper, | | | - 1- 1- 1111111111111111111111111111111 | |
| | 60.00 | | | |
| 4 to 5 ft., 9/16-in, caliper, | | | VINES and CREEPERS | |
| | 75.00 | | LONICERA JAPONICA HALLIANA | |
| 5 to 6 ft., 11/16-in, caliper, | | | | Per 1000 |
| 2-yr., grafts, br | 90.00 | | Small, L.O. | |
| Double Red | | | Medium, L.O | |
| Double White | | | 2-yr., T., No. 1 | |
| Double Pink | | | 2-yr., T., No. 2 | |
| Peppermint Stock | | | 2-yr., T., No. 3 | 55.00 |
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| | 35.00 | | CONIFEROUS EVERGREE | -NC |
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| (Combination fruiting and flowering peach | hl | | 18 to 24 ins | 225.00 |
| | 35.00 | | 24 to 30 ins | 275.00 |
| | 40.00 | | JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS ASHFORDI | |
| | 45.00 | 2213 | (Ashford Juniper) 18 to 24 ins | 150.00 |
| | | | 24 to 30 ins | 175.00 |
| | | | 30 to 36 ins | 200.00 |
| BROAD-LEAVED | | | 3 to 4 ft | 225.00 |
| | | | JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS HIBERNICA | |
| EVERGREENS | | | (Irish Juniper) | |
| | | | 24 to 30 ins | 125.00 |
| ABELIA GRANDIFLORA (Glossy Abelia) | | D 100 | 30 to 36 ins | 150.00 |
| | er 10 | Per 100 | 3 to 4 ft | 175.00 |
| 18 to 24 ins., br | | \$ 60.00 | 4 to 5 ft | 200.00 |
| 2 to 3 ft., B&B, heavy clumps | | 125.00 | 15 to 18 ins | 175.00 |
| 3 to 4 ft., B&B, heavy clumps | 22.50 | 200.00 | 18 to 24 ins | 200.00 |
| EUONYMUS PATENS | | | 24 to 30 ins | 250.00 |
| = 12 to 18 ins | | 125.00 | THUJA OCCIDENTALIS PYRAMIDALIS | |
| 18 to 24 ins | | 175.00 | (American Pyramidal Arborvitae) | |
| 24 to 30 ins | 22.50 | 200.00 | 24 to 30 ins | 175.00 |
| MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA (Southern Magn | | 075.00 | 30 to 36 ins | 200.00 |
| 30 to 36 ins | | 275.00 | 3 to 4 ft | 225.00 |
| 3 to 4 ft. 4 to 5 ft. | | 300.00 | 4 to 5 ft | 275.00 |
| | 70.00 | | | 200.00 |
| | | | | |
| NANDINA DOMESTICA | | 100.00 | 18 to 24 ins | 200.00 |
| | 12.50 | 100.00 | 24 to 30 ins. 30.00 30 to 36 ins. 37.50 | 275.00 350.00 |
| NANDINA DOMESTICA 12 to 18 ins. | 12.50 17.50 | | 24 to 30 ins | 275.00 |

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Plant Notes Here and There

By C. W. Wood

In a recent letter a Virginia reader posed some questions on Romneya coulteri, its culture and propagation, which I did not feel competent to answer; so I referred them to a California friend with the following gratifying results. But before going on to his remarks, it may be well to refer briefly to our experi-

ences with the plant.

Our personal efforts to grow the plant have not been satisfactory, owing, so we think, to our dry soil and windswept situation. But that is only conjecture, and there may be other factors at the bottom of our difficulties. In any event, a friend who lives 50 miles north of our place does well with the plant under these conditions! The garden is within sight of Lake Michigan and its ameliorating influence. The plant, as well as most of the garden, is protected on all sides from cold winds and is further protected, after being cut down in late fall, by a mulch of leaves and brush.

Our California friend gives the following tips on culture and propa-

"For best results, the plant needs a good deal of moisture in a welldrained soil. To obtain these results in the garden, we recommend our customers to mulch around the plant before dry weather is expected, so that an occasional wetting down with the hose will keep it satisfied. Later the mulch may be lightly worked into the surface, supplying some of the nutriment needed for a good performance. It does well for us, so long as it is not allowed to dry out, in either sun or light shade.

"It may be grown from seeds, but in that case it takes several years to bring it to a flowering state. And it always transplants with difficulty, especially when in a growing state. Its habit of sending out long underground stems which end in a suckerlike growth, sometimes far from the plant and in the most unlooked-for spots, affords another means of increase. If this stem is severed between the sucker and the parent soon after it appears and is allowed to remain there until dormant, it may be moved to its permanent place. Even quicker increase is possible by means of root cuttings. Here in California we have found late October or November the best time to insert the cuttings, with early spring,

say about February, second best. Select roots about one quarter of an inch thick and cut them into 2-inch pieces, lay the pieces horizontally in shallow furrows and merely cover them with the fine, sandy compost used in the cutting frame or flat, as the case may be. A mild bottom heat will, we have found, hasten growth, and a close atmosphere until top growths show will further insure success. When top growths do appear, admit a little air to the case or frame, gradually increasing the amount until the new plants can stand full exposure."

The Gladwin

The sight of a planting of the Gladwin, Iris foetidissima, in bloom is not an inspiring one, as all know who have grown it and as I had

freshly impressed on my mind recently when I saw a group in an amateur planting. The small, bluish flowers were far from being impressive, and the whole plant would not elicit much enthusiasm from a gardener who did not know what would come later. For that reason. the commercial grower with stock of the Gladwin to sell would have to depend upon his own enthusiasm for the plant or upon colored pictures of its fall and winter aspects to create a buying urge in his customers. It is not until the large pods open in autumn, exposing the persistent and showy, scarlet seeds, that the plant shows its full beauty. It is an accommodating plant, adjusting itself to full sun and considerable shade and to light as well as heavy soil.

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son of spring flowers, I am ready to say again that one would have to look a long time to find a plant of greater beauty or more value in the shady parts of the garden than our native foamflower, Tiarella cor-difolia. It is, in my opinion, one of the loveliest of natives and is easy to handle in light, leafy soil and shade. There it will spread out clouds of foamlike, creamy-white flowers in May and June, making a lovely picture, especially when combined with Phlox divaricata and other shade lovers of its season.

Although the creamy-white type is the one most often seen, it has varied into several forms, including the purple-flowered variety, purpurea, others with rose-pink and wine-red flowers and one known as variety marmorata, with lovely bronze foliage marbled with purple and blackish green. The last named is to be numbered with the most striking of natives with variegated foliage

Tiarella is a tufted plant, producing broad spreads of handsome. cordate leaves and flower stems from six inches to a foot, or perhaps more, in height. It has great possibilities in the hands of skillful gardeners, both as an ornament and as a subject for improvement.

Eucomis

I have an inquiry from a reader in Arkansas on the hardiness and desirability of the pineapple flower. So little is said in the literature about the hardiness of the different eucomis species, or at least so little appears in the literature, that nothing positive can be said on the subject. It is probably safe to say that some kinds are much hardier than is generally supposed. That is true of E. punctata, at least, which proved to be hardy as far north as Massachusetts, and it took a protracted period of subzero temperature to kill it in this garden when it was under trials in the early 1930's. These experiences would indicate that it probably could be used in the open as far north as St. Louis and perhaps farther north.

The plant would probably not sell well because of its beauty alone, but fortunately there is always a demand for the curious and odd. In the latter sphere, E. punctata can hold its own with the oddest. It is a member of the lily family, throwing up from a 2-inch, tunicated bulb a rosette of handsome leaves, 12 to 18 inches long and three inches broad, spotted brown purple on the underside in their lower extremities. The oddest feature of the plant is the foot-tall

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It would undoubtedly appeal on its oddness alone to the amateur. and I should, therefore, expect it to be a good item in the hands of the neighborhood grower. It may be grown from seeds, which are slow to germinate and slow in growth in their early stages, and may also be propagated from offsets. It is of easy cultivation in almost any sunny. well-drained spot.

Doronicum Pardalianches

All leopard's-banes that I know are desirable plants, some because of their garden value, others as cut flowers and a few for a combination of these two virtues. Doronicum pardalianches is, because it joins these two desirable traits with others of equal merit, a brilliant example of the last group. The literature reminds us that, "while all species are typically 1-flowered, any of them may have now and then more than one flower on a stem, and this species (pardalianches) may have one to five flowers." A form in gardens as Goldbunch is evidently a selection of the multiple-flowered forms, for it is habitually many-flowered, holding its bunches of golden daisies aloft on 2-foot stems.

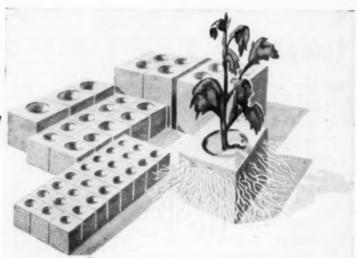
As stated before, it is a plant of many uses, being especially valuable in the garden because it blooms later, at least in our trials, than the better known D. plantagineum and the latter's variety excelsum, thereby carrying on the leopard's-bane season. The bunched inflorescence is, of course, its best recommendation as a cut flower, but its pleasing canary-yellow color is also in its favor. It is accommodating, doing well in sun or shade, though it will probably need watering if planted in full sun.

It may be grown from seeds, preferably sown outdoors in fall, but even then they may be slow and uncertain unless they are fresh. It may also be grown from cuttings of the tuberous roots, if they are made in spring and handled like one does gaillardias and summer phlox.

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popular within the next score years. Look at what has happened in the meantime! A search of the catalogs reveals few listings (two if I remember correctly), and I practically never see it in neighborhood nurseries that I visit in spring. When I ask why the plant is so seldom seen now, no one seems to know; in fact, most growers who have come upon the scene during the past 10 years do not know the plant at all, and the only reason that could possibly apply is that it moves poorly when in flower.

Certainly one could not find fault with the lovely blue color as it appeared when first introduced. It could be, I suppose, that indiscriminate growth from uncontrolled, garden-saved seeds may have caused it to lose some of its uniformly lovely blue color and perhaps some of its free-flowering habit of covering its little bushes with flowers for a full month, commencing in April.

Cerastium Strictum

No doubt most careful gardeners keep away from the mouse-ear chickweeds because of the invasiveness of the few popular kinds. If that is true, they are missing some really useful garden material, including Cerastium strictum, a shade lover that grows in nearly all northern lands. Its uses are limited, to be sure, because it is a spreader; even so, it makes a pretty green carpet for a difficult shady spot. And the cloud of white flowers on 6-inch stems (perhaps taller in rich soil) for close to two months, commencing in May, gives it special value in those dark corners.

Draba Doerfleri

Generally speaking, the whiteflowered drabas are somewhat dull. insignificant things. There are, as anyone knows who has investigated these crucifers, a few exceptions to the rule, and of these D. doerfleri is a notable one. This plant, from high places in Albania, grows about two inches tall, with its small, linear, spatulate leaves in rosettes and its pure white flowers in flat-topped racemes. An appraisal of the plant would place it at or near the top of white-flowered drabas as an ornament for the rock garden, wall or paved walk. It is of easy culture under ordinary draba treatment, which includes a light soil and sun, or, if the climate is dry and hot, a position that is shaded during the hottest part of the day. Like most drabas, it comes readily from seeds, which are available in Europe.

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THE GASPE PENINSULA

I had often heard that the Gaspe peninsula in Canada afforded some of the most magnificent and ruggedly beautiful scenery to be found in North America, and it was one of my ambitions to see it. I was not disappointed, for it is truly beautiful. Starting at the city of Quebec and following the St. Lawrence river and gulf to its mouth, we saw most of the 1.000 miles of beautiful and picturesque drive. Since Quebec was almost 1,000 miles from our home and we wanted to be able to see things and talk to people, we took our time during the two weeks so that we could fully enjoy the experience.

The drive or highway skirts the shore of the St. Lawrence at elevations of from a few feet to 400 or 500 feet and is rarely out of sight of the water. The St. Lawrence at Ouebec runs in a relatively narrow gorge, which slowly widens as you leave the city. Not far down river you pass the Isle de Orleans, dotted with small farms, small towns and woods that seem to be part of a fairyland. Back of the island and on the far shore rear up the impressive Laurentian mountains, much more rugged than those on the south shore. As the river widens into the gulf, the far shore and its hazy mountains gradually fade out of sight, so that one's attention becomes more concentrated on the near shore line and its ice-covered boulders, villages and inland hills that are never far from the shore.

One thing that surprised me was that, after reading articles about the Gaspe at home and even reading Canada's own travel literature, I had the impression that the people had retained their Old World and provincial customs and that modern civilization had not fully penetrated the area. This is in no way true, and somehow I cannot believe it has been true for some time. Of course, the modern highway is recent, but the large towns, even the cities, were not built in a day. The city of Matane is a beautiful, modern one, but, more significant, we were rarely out of sight of one of its magnificently beautiful stone Roman Catholic churches, which dominate all villages and towns. Though we were surprised at

the lack of provincialism in the people, we found them completely charming and friendly, for, while tourism is one source of income, it is not their only one; yet we enjoyed nothing but pleasant contacts with these French-speaking people, including several instances when their friendliness exceeded ordinary cour-

A week in one area does not entitle one to write a book, but a plantsman has an advantage in that he can gain considerable knowledge about plant life in a relatively short visit. The first striking thing I noticed was that tulips, peonies, lilacs, strawberries and fruit trees were all in bloom at once. Our tulips had been over their blooming period for at least six weeks, as had most of the other

things. I had in the past run across a 2-week differential, but never one so great as this. In spite of the climate, the remoteness and the ruggedness, there is an interest shown here in plants and gardens. These things generally follow prosperity. and these people are prosperous. I was a little amused to see some new homes being built with picture windows on both sides of the house, but I soon saw that this had sense, as the houses look both across the St. Lawrence and back to the beautiful hills in the hinterland. I even saw one small nursery about 100 miles out of Ouebec. The variety of plants was of necessity small, for the win-ters cannot help being rugged indeed, since the wintry winds that cross the St. Lawrence from northern Ouebec and Labrador must be extremely severe.

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The Gaspe is forested with fir and spruce, and we were there when the new growth was on the trees. While we saw considerable birch and tamarack in the area between Montreal and Ouebec, the forests on the peninsula were nearly all evergreen. Of course, a good bit of the forests had been cut or were second (or later) growth; yet there were still plenty of indications of a thriving forest products industry, one of the people's sources of wealth. For power to run their mills they had but to tap one of the numerous short but rapidly flowing streams that pour out of the hills into the St. Lawrence, some creating pretty, small water-falls. Incidentally, the hotels never serve you ice in the drinking water, because it comes out of the spigot not too much above freezing.

Agriculturally, perhaps the land showed the climatic difficulties more than in any other fashion. Most farmers had small gardens in which potatoes and beans were growing and even a few tomato plants which had just been set out. There were a few large potato fields opposite the section in Maine where so many are grown. Near Riviere du Loup we saw what was obviously a large monastery, and in a field nearby we saw many rows of vegetable and similar plants, each with its own separate white label. We could only surmise that here was important agricultural research being carried on, presumably to improve the crop-producing possibilities of the area.

Other than these evidences it was obvious that the principal agricultural occupation is dairving, for the land is given over almost completely to grass, hay and pasture. One singular custom of the area is the manner of laving out crops in the field. One sees an almost continuous succession of narrow fields fenced in by splitrail fences, which run back from the highways either to the shore or the hills. While they may be narrow, they are often a mile or more long. I do not know why the people do this, but my wife guessed that it was

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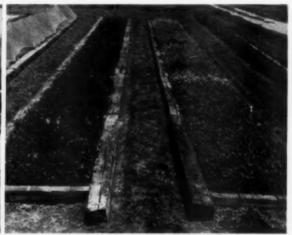
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the French Canadian manner of dividing up land among the large families. Much of this land seems satisfactory for growing grass and is not too stony; some of it, however, we found just plain poor and boggy. Of interest to horticulturists was our finding of an occasional outcropping of peat; in one or two places we saw large-scale excavating being carried out in these peat quarries.

Two other plant features stood out: one was the absence of shade trees as we know them, particularly deciduous ones. They probably cannot stand the winters, and it is also possible that the people do not need them. It was pleasantly cool while we were there, and while there may be brief hot spells in July and August it is presumed that the people try to absorb as much sun as they can and have no use for shade trees. Steam heat was necessary at night on two occasions in late June. The other interesting plant feature was the masses of colorful wild flowers we noticed, which also add much to the beauty of the countryside. Particularly noticeable were masses of lupines, columbines, buttercups and several plants that were less familiar.

To say that we enjoyed the trip to the Gaspe is to put it mildly, and for anyone who enjoys spectacular, rugged and beautiful scenery it is worth the long drive. There can be little doubt that there is nothing else in eastern North America to compare with it, and there is so much of the peninsula to see.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS MARK ANNIVERSARY

The men's garden club movement in the United States comes of age in September, and the more than 160 affiliates of the Men's Garden Clubs of America in 29 states will join in special programs marking the organization's 21st birthday.

A. Ray Tillman, a Jackson, Miss., banker who currently heads the national organization, has announced a drive to bring the garden club idea into many areas not yet represented in the national program.

As part of the expansion program, the national organization at its annual convention at Memphis, Tenn., in April approved constitutional changes making it a nonprofit corporation to meet internal revenue regulations. This is expected to result in several gifts of funds needed to carry out the task of bringing good gardening information to homeowners throughout the nation.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

Pseudotsuga Taxifolia

One of the most interesting of the large narrow-leaved evergreens is the Douglas fir, Pseudotsuga taxifolia. A large tree at maturity in its native habitat, it reaches to 300 feet or more. In cultivation in the eastern regions, it seldom exceeds 65 to 70 feet and is usually smaller. It is relatively narrow and pyramidal, especially when young, with spreading branches that turn upward at the ends.

The Douglas fir is native to the territory extending from British Columbia to California, Montana, Colorado, west Texas and New Mexico. It was introduced into cultivation in 1827. The generic name comes from the Greek words, pseudos, meaning false, and tsuga, referring to the hemlock. The species name, taxifolia, refers to the taxuslike foliage. The leaves or needles of the Douglas fir are essentially straight, an inch to an inch and a half long, dark green or somewhat bluish on the upper side and lighter on the underside with whitish bands.

Among the characteristics that can be used to identify the Douglas fir is the long, pointed terminal bud, the short petiole and the fact that the bract extends beyond the cone scale, an unusual condition for most evergreens.

The flowers of the pseudotsuga, of course, are of no ornamental importance. The fruit is a pendulous cone of two to four inches in length. Several varieties are known, the most common being P. taxifolia fastigiata, a pyramidal form with upright branches; P. taxifolia pendula, a type with pendulous branches, and P. taxifolia glauca, a slower-growing, more compact type with bluishgreen foliage.

The Douglas fir, in good soil, is a fast-growing evergreen. The soil should be well-drained, but retain ample moisture. It will do well in sun and at least half shade and transplants readily. It is hardy and relatively free from pests, but requires some pruning when the plants are small to make uniform, compact specimens. Propagation of the species is by seed and of the varieties by grafting.

The Douglas fir can be used where a large narrow-leaved evergreen is desired. It is more adaptable than most of the tree-type narrow-leaved evergreens to the hot and dry climate conditions of the midwest. It is also used extensively as a cut Christmas tree.

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A. A. N. Issues New Legislative Survey

In its annual survey of the legislative scene, the American Association of Nurserymen summarizes the measures which have passed through Congress or are pending before it and reports the success of the association in making representations in the behalf of the industry on matters concerning it. During the past session of Congress, the report states. the A. A. N. was concerned with seven major legislative measures. with the results as follows:

Japanese beetle quarantine revocation. In the revised United States Department of Agriculture budget all funds were eliminated for the continuation of this quarantine and several others. Testimony in opposition to the elimination of these funds by the A. A. N. and others resulted in appropriations approximately equal to last year. In the opinion of the A. A. N. the legislative history of this measure clearly indicates that it is the intent of Congress to continue this and other quarantines in question until June 30, 1954.

Trip-leasing bill, H. R. 3203. This legislation has been supported by all farm groups. It would nullify a regulation of the interstate commerce commission limiting tripleasing of independent motor trucks to a period of not less than 30 days. For practical purposes this would prohibit trip-leasing, the A. A. N. reports. The bill passed the House and is held up in the Senate committee because of an amendment proposed by the railroads and the interested unions which would complicate rather than simplify the measure and is intended to confuse the issue rather than clarify it, the report continues. The A. A. N. is one of 38 farm groups supporting H. R. 3203. The House agriculture committee has passed a resolution requesting the ICC to postpone the effective date of its order (now designated as September 1) until after Congress completes action on this legislation.

Customs simplification. A proposal to simplify customs procedures including one proposal to raise the duty-free limit of this provision. This bill passed Congress, but only after the duty-free limit proposal was dropped. The present measure retains the \$1 duty-free limit.

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posal to simplify customs procedures passed Congress and will require all government departments, agencies, establishments and corporations to reimburse the Post Office Department from their regular appropriations the costs of handling penalty mail. Savings to the post office are estimated to be \$36,000,000. The reorganization proposal was approved in effect by its not being disapproved. It will require airmail subsidies to be charged against the civil aeronautics board instead of the Post Office Department, resulting in savings amounting to \$80,-000,000. The bill for raising general postal rates will be considered in the next session of Congress. No consideration of this proposal has been made in the Senate, and hearings in the House revealed substantial opposition to it. Parcel-post rates were increased an average of 36 per cent, effective October 1. 1953. This should increase post-office revenue by \$140,000,000.

Quarantine amendments. Amendments to regulations of quarantine 37 relating to "peat moss balls" are still pending in the agriculture department, and no action can be expected until after a meeting of the National Plant Board scheduled for September 23 to 25, 1953. Other administrative amendments to the quarantine act are also pending. No legislation has yet been introduced to amend the plant quarantine act of 1912 as proposed by the A. A. N.

Mexican farm labor law. This was passed, and the present provisions of the act will be in effect until December 31, 1955.

Patent law amendments. This bill proposes only to reaffirm the original intent of Congress as to the possibility of patenting chance seedlings, which has been questioned by the patent office. The A. A. N. has been advised that a favorable report has been made by the U. S. D. A. Hearings on this are expected to be he'ld in the next session of Congress.

FREIGHT RAISE EXTENDED

The 15 per cent increase in freight rates that became effective in April, 1952, and that was due to expire February 28, 1954, was extended until December 31, 1955, by a recent action of the interstate commerce commission. The railroads had asked that these raises be made permanent. The commission refused, but continued them on a temporary basis in the nature of a 15 per cent surcharge.



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MEETING CALENDAR

September 3 and 4, Kansas Association of Nurserymen, Allis hotel, Wichita.

September 10, Western New York Nurserymen's Association picnic, Buffalo Automobile club, Clarence, N. Y.

September 10 and 11, Oregon Association of Nurserymen, Multnomah hotel, Portland, Ore.

September 10 to 12, fall meeting of the American Rose Society, Neil House, Columbus, O.

September 13 to 18, annual conference, American Institute of Park Executives, Shirley-Savoy hotel, Denver, Colo.

September 15 to 17, California Association of Nurserymen, Hobergs resort, Hobergs, Calif.

October 2 to 4, 1953 Texas rose festival, Tyler.

October 3 to 5, trade meeting of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Haven hotel, Winter Haven, Fla.

October 6 and 7, 12th short course on roadside development, Ohio department of highways, Columbus.

December 2 to 4, Wisconsin Nurserymen's Association, Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee.

KANSAS GROUP TO MEET

The Kansas Association of Nurserymen will hold its summer meeting September 3 and 4, at the Allis hotel, Wichita.

WEST NEW YORK PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Western New York Nurserymen's Association will be held Thursday, September 10, at the Buffalo Automobile club, Clarence, N. Y.

OREGON CONVENTION

The Oregon Association of Nurserymen will hold its annual convention September 10 and 11 at the Multnomah hotel, Portland, Ore.

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

All the facilities offered by Hobergs resort, Hobergs, Calif., will be turned over to the California Association of Nurserymen when the group holds its annual convention, September 15 to 17.

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The opening of the convention will be preceded by a meeting of the state board of directors on Monday, September 14. The general business session that opens the first day of the convention will feature

addresses by Jack Evans, Evans & Reeves Nurseries, Los Angeles, the retiring president of the C. A. N., and Elmer Merz, the group's executive secretary. Nominations will be entertained for new officers, and this session will also hear an address by John D. Siebenthaler, president of the American Association of Nurserymen.

Luncheon that day will feature a talk by Lieut. Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, of California. The afternoon session will be devoted to meetings of special groups within the association—retailers, wholesalers, landscape men and chapter secretaries

Wednesday has been designated "play day" and will include the annual baseball game between teams from northern and southern California. A cocktail party followed by an outdoor barbecue will terminate the day's activities.

The Thursday morning business session will include a speaker, Dr. Joseph Howland, garden editor of House Beautiful magazine, and a panel discussion on Tuesday afternoon's group meetings. Roy Rosenberg, editor and publisher of the Sacramento Union and a popular speaker in California, will address the group during luncheon.

Another business session is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, when committee reports will be heard and the new officers elected, and the president's banquet will highlight the

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Theme of this year's floral pagcant is "A Fantasy of Floral Beauty," and for four days the city will be festooned with roses and entertained with fiestas, rose balls, coronations

and parades.

Fostivities will begin with the crowning of the queen on Thursday evening, October 1, in the Civic auditorium. The coronation will be repeated Friday night. Friday morning free bus tours of the rose fields around Tyler will begin and continue at hourly intervals through the three days of festivities. At noon Friday, a nationally known authority on flowers will address the women's luncheon, and the men will hear an official of President Eisenhower's cabinet. Later in the afternoon the queen's tea will be held, with the queen's ball scheduled for 10 p. m.

Saturday morning the traditional rose parade will be held, stretching over a 3-mile route and including 25 rose-covered floats. In the afternoon a football game between two college teams is scheduled to be played in the stadium. The evening festivities will be held in the stadium, and the final event is the

The rose show will continue through Sunday, and vesper services that afternoon will bring the festival to an end. Plans call for use of over 1,000,000 rose blooms in the mass displays at the rose show and 500,000 on rose-covered floats.

FLORIDA TRADE MEETING

The Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association trade meeting will be held October 3 to 5 at the Haven hotel, Winter Haven, Fla. The meeting will feature displays of plants and allied lines of merchandise by nurserymen and manufacturers.

WISCONSIN CONVENTION

The Wisconsin Nurserymen's Association will hold its 37th annual convention and its second annual short course December 2 to 4, at the Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee. The short course, which proved so successful a year ago, is scheduled for the first day of the convention.

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| 12 to 15 ins | 35 | .30 |
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before the convention of the Minnesota association this year, a departure from custom that was felt advisable because of the nearness to Christmas of the Minnesota meeting. The program committee has contacted several outstanding speakers for the occasion and is constructing a program which should be of great interest.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the Hortus Alumni Association originally scheduled for August 15 and 16 has been postponed. The new date of the meeting has been set tentatively for some time in October.

NEW ENGLAND SPRING SHOW

"Gardens New and Old" will be the theme of the 1954 New England spring flower show. The show will be held March 14 through 20 in the Mechanics building, Boston, Mass., and will be sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

NEW ZEALAND MEETING

The jubilee conference of the New Zealand Horticultural Trades Association, originally scheduled for the period from January 25 to 29, 1954, has been postponed until the week of March 8 to 12, 1954.

CANADIANS FORM GROUP

A new group of nurserymen was formed recently to cope with the problems of the industry in British Columbia, Canada. Steps leading to its organization were aided by J. H. Eddie, a director of the Canadian Association of Nurserymen and a member of H. M. Eddie & Sons, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C. Nurserymen joining the new association automatically become members of the Canadian Association of Nurserymen.

The following persons are its present officers: President, J. H. Eddie, vice-president, Jack Manten, Manten Nursery, White Rock, and secretary, Lloyd Smith, the Garden Shop, Vancouver. Directors are Dave Hunter, Hunter's Nurseries, Vancouver; Mr. Petty, Rosecroft Nursery, Langley Prairie; Hyland Barnes, Hyland Barnes Nursery, Vancouver; Mr. Hardy, Wayside Gardens, Mission City; Tom Slavin, Ed Brown Florist, Vancouver, and Bob Nicholson, Heatherbell Nursery, White Rock.

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New Zealand rhododendron enthusiasts have formed the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust, Inc., to create a national rhododendron arboretum near Mount Egmont in an area welladapted to growing a wide range of the members of the rhododendron genus.

FURTHER production of an illustrated educational bulletin for consumers on purchasing plants and landscape work was authorized recently by the executive committee of the National Landscape Nurserymen's Association. The bulletin was written by Homer K. Dodge, Landscape Service Co., Framingham, Mass.

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Letters from Readers

NOTES ON DWARF SPRUCE

The article on the giant dwarf Alberta spruce (American Nurseryman, July 1, 1953) interested me greatly, as I was one of the first nurserymen to grow this plant. I believe I was the first to grow it in quantity and get it rather widely introduced; hence, I am possibly guilty of spreading some inaccurate information about it.

When I started growing Picea glauca conica, there were in cultivation scarcely more than 100 plants, all well under three feet in height. At that time I did not think to inquire of its discoverer its ultimate height; from some source or other I gathered that its ultimate height was about six feet. That was back about 1917, and, in the absence of information to the contrary, I continued to publish that same information for many years. In fact, our present price list, through error, continues to give that same height limit of six feet.

Not until the early or middle 1930's did I have reason to question it, and for the simple reason that I then had a few dwarf Alberta spruce well over six feet tall.

I then consulted the late Harry Dawson, who was manager of Eastern Nurseries, Holliston, Mass., from whom I had originally bought my propagating stock. Harry was one of that large family of horticulturists, all children of the late Jackson Dawson, onetime superintendent of Arnold Arboretum.

Harry Dawson told me that he, then a youth in his late teens, was with Prof. J. G. Jack, of the Arnold Arboretum, on the trip to the province of Alberta, Canada, in 1904, when the dwarf Alberta spruce was discovered. He stated that he estimated the discovered tree to be about 30 feet tall.

Since height of trees is deceptive, and I find that most of us tend to overestimate the height of trees in the 20 to 30-foot range, I discounted Harry's estimate somewhat. I find, in a catalog I published in 1938, that I then assigned a height of 20 feet and an annual growth rate of three inches.

I have tried to verify Harry Dawson's statement, but without success. Dr. Donald Wyman, of Arnold Arboretum, has checked the arbore-

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tum's records. He says that Professor Jack was credited with the discovery, although he is positive that Alfred Rehder was along on that trip. He has been unable to find any record of the height of the discovered plant.

Unfortunately Professor Jack, Mr. Rehder and all the Dawsons of Harry's generation are dead.

Apparently the plants originally grown at the arboretum and at Eastern Nurseries were from cuttings brought back by Professor Jack. Whether the plant has ever been rediscovered in the wild, I have no knowledge. Only by rediscovery, apparently, could the facts be established.

At present there remain at Arnold Arboretum two of the plants brought back by Professor Jack, which are now a full eight feet tall. On land that used to be a part of my nursery, a grown-together clump of three dwarf Alberta spruce still remains, ranging in height from seven and one-half to eight feet. I doubt if the arboretum plants ever received much fertilizer. I know that the clump mentioned above has had no feeding for at least 25 years, although it grows in extremely poor, dry, sandy soil. Mr. King mentioned in the July 1 article that his large

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plants have had only slight feeding in 25 years.

I have no doubt that, had we all fed our respective groups of dwarf Alberta spruce moderately but with fair regularity, they would now be nearer 12 to 16 feet tall. Since nature in the wild affords application of some organic fertilizer each year, because, in the wild, plants grow mostly where conditions of soil and climate are favorable and further considering that spruce trees are fairly long lived, I can well believe that the maximum height of the dwarf Alberta spruce is much greater than is usually believed.

Give or take a few feet, I personally believe that Harry Dawson's estimate of 30 feet was correct.

In spite of that, I consider Picea glauca conica a true dwarf-the element of time being an important factor in classifying plants.

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The rootstock that has proved most satisfactory in extensive tests is the so-called western sand cherry, according to Prof. Karl D. Brase, of the New York state agricultural experiment station, Geneva. "The western sand cherry has many characteristics that make it a possible dwarfing rootstock," Professor Brase said. "It is a dwarf plant itself. It is hardy. It can be grown easily from seeds. Also, the seedlings sucker freely thus making it possible to multiply individual seedlings and establish clonal selections for experimental studies."

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GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Tennessee Valley Authority recently published the "Handbook on Public Grounds Maintenance," a volume of 495 pages, including illustrations and charts, which sells for \$5 per copy. Considerable space is devoted to the seeding and care of lawns, planting and care of trees and shrubs, weed control, pest control, soil erosion and control, etc. Printing is done by offset, and the book measures $8x10\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

A limited supply is available, and checks should be made payable to the Treasurer, Tennessee Valley Authority, and sent to Old Post Office building, Knoxville, Tenn.

CHEMISTRY IN GARDENING

Containing up-to-date information on the use of the newer chemicals in gardening and agriculture, "Modern Gardening," by Dr. P. P. Pirone, just published by Simon & Schuster, at \$3.50, is a valuable reference book for commercial grower and amateur alike. Briefly reviewing some of the fundamentals of plant growing, the author describes what the new "wonder" chemicals will do and what they cannot be expected to accomplish. Foliage feeding, soil conditioning and weed killing with chemicals are discussed. Space is given to a discussion of insecticides and fertilizers, especially of the new-

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Since 1947 the author has been plant pathologist at the New York Botanical Garden, before that occupying the same position at Rutgers University, where his work brought him into close contact with the nurserymen of the state, so that he served the state association as secretary for several years. He is author of "Maintenance of Shade and Ornamental Trees," standard authority on the subject among commercial arborists and colleges alike.

This is a volume needed on every grower's reference shelf, to give him useful information on the latest chemical aids to his production.

"PAGEANT OF THE ROSE"

Jean Gordon, well-known authority on rose lore, devoted 10 years of research to the preparation of "Pageant of the Rose," published recently by Studio Publications, Inc., in association with Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York. The result is the most comprehensive book available on the role the rose has played in history, religion and the arts, as well as its uses in cooking, healing and cosmetics. The volume sells at \$5.

That the rose has figured in fact and legend from earliest times is well-documented in this book. Among the illustrations that abound in the 232-page volume are photographs of a rose fossil, estimated to be 35,000,000 years old, and one of a 1,000-year-old rosebush, still blooming at a German cathedral. An excellent bibliography and a good index complete this handsome book.

WILD FLOWERS

"Wild Flower Studies," published by Studio Publications, Inc., in association with Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York, and selling for \$5.50, contains 45 pages of plant portraits of British wild flowers in color, painted from life by Bessie D. Inglis, and about 75 pages of line drawings, accompanied by descriptive material, by the same artist.

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NEW IERSEY MEETING

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ditches. Klaas de Wilde was quick to point out, however, that this is not considered a 10 per cent loss in area. He told us that all diversion terraces are now maintained in a clover, alfalfa and timothy sod that must be mowed twice a year. He explained that this is not entirely lost to cultivation, because the hav collected is fed to horses as well as being used for a mulch. (They use one dozen horses on the grounds.) No effort is made to grow nursery stock on any of the terraces, according to Mr. de Wilde. A fine crop of grass and legumes is produced by liming and fertilizing.

The blocks of taxus species and varieties were unbelievably uniform and in perfect health. Every plant on the property is root-pruned and transplanted several times before be-

ing sold.

To persons outside the state it might have to be explained that the nurserymen from the northern part of the state look upon the southern part of the state as nothing more than one big patch of sand. This opinion is gathered from the fact that one of New Jersey's greatest businesses is the seashore trade that flourishes along more than 100 miles of the Jersey coast. Also, there is a large patch in the south-central part of the state, known as the Pine Barrens, which would give almost anyone the impression that the land is worthless. However, the nurserymen certainly had their eyes opened when they saw this perfect plant growth throughout the entire property. In fact, because of the contouring of the property, this firm seems to have less trouble with droughts than do the nurserymen in the northern part of the state, where the soil is heavier.

Cultivating Equipment Mechanized

Most of the cultivating equipment is mechanized. The horses are used on the short rows that are created by a necessary contouring of the plant rows. Mr. de Wilde informed his guests that there are about 800 acres in all in the nurseries; 500 are in cultivation while 300 are being rested. All plants are planted on 3-foot square spacing. This allows check-row cultivation.

Although crop rotation, fertilization and some contouring were practiced earlier, still more improved methods had to be employed. As a result of intensive study, work and record-keeping, the following is now in practice: If the nursery crop is removed in May or June, soybeans are planted, followed by either rye, barley or wheat with timothy. Clo-ver seeds are then sown in the early spring, when the soil is wet. The green crop is clipped. The timothy and clover are cut twice a year, and the residue is left on the ground to be incorporated in the soil.

The nurseries today utilize virtually all the water that falls on the soil. Only during long, hard rains does any water leave by way of the terraces and waterways. Retaining the moisture has produced important effects that are readily noticeable to nursery personnel. There is no loss of soil from erosion. The soil is continually being improved by fertilization, cover crops and a better rotation. The roots of the plants that have been grown on the contour are larger and better developed than the ones that used to be produced before soil and moisture practices were started. Salable plants can be grown in five years rather than the six formerly required.

A number of other benefits have accrued as a direct result of the utilization of good soil management practices. These benefits far overshadow any difficulties that have been encountered in adopting a good soil management program. As proof of this, the de Wildes have acquired four more farms, totaling about 500 additional acres. As soon as the farms were obtained they were laid out for stabilization.

In July, 1952, the New Jersey chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America toured the Perkinsde Wilde Nurseries and saw one of the best stabilization operations and one of the prettiest landscape jobs in this country. Klaas de Wilde is extremely proud of what they have accomplished and expresses himself in the terms of a laborer who worked for them: "She ain't pretty for nice but she's hell-damn for strong!" The technicians involved on this project now firmly believe that if a "landscaping" job of this type can be done for the nurserymen, it can be done for any farmer or grower in New Jersey, or any other state of the Union, for that matter.

Trips to Koster and Seabrook

The two other bus trips that were available took the members to Koster Nursery and Seabrook Farms, near Bridgeton, N. J.

The story of the wonderful propagation work being done by James Wells, of Koster Nursery, has been presented over many months in this magazine; therefore, it would be du-

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TRI-COUNTY MEETING

The July meeting of the Tri-County chapter, California Associa-tion of Nurserymen, was held July 24. There were 26 members and guests present.

After an excellent chicken dinner, President Burt Tricks presided over a spirted business meeting. The subject of personal property taxes occupied most of the evening, with most of the members entering into the discussion.

President Tricks urged all members to attend the C. A. N. state convention, at Hobergs, and the chartering of a bus from the Tri-County area was discussed.

S. Paul Reed, C. A. N. state director, discussed certain proposed changes to the association bylaws, and President Tricks appointed him chairman of the committee to study the changes. Walter Knecht and Floyd Dillon were named as committee members.

A letter from Elmer Merz concerning publicity and public relations resulted in Don Dillon's being appointed chairman of the chapter's public relations committee, suc-

ceeding his father, Floyd Dillon. Vice-president George Steelman then introduced the speaker of the evening, Bob Pina, who gave an interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on Venezuelan agriculture and the projects being sponsored there by the Rockefeller foundation. Robert E. Kallman, Sec'v.

VIRUS-FREE CHERRY

Virus-free budwood of sweet cherry varieties-Bing, Black Tartarian, Royal Ann and others-has been propagated in experimental plantings at Davis, Calif., according to scientists of the agricultural experiment station at Berkeley. Sufficient fruit has been produced on the trees to determine trueness to variety. The budwood is produced in special scion or budwood mother blocks.

To compare the performance of virus-free budwood with that now generally obtained from commercial orchard trees, an experiment has been conducted on a large northern California nursery which has shown

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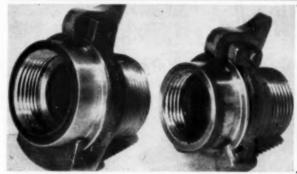
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The elimination of virus and viruslike diseases probably is of greater economic importance for sweet cherries than for any other stone fruits in northern California. One or more virus diseases has been found in all of the sweet cherry orchards inspected during the past four years. Consequently, it is virtually impossible to propagate trees free from virus diseases if budwood is obtained from commercial orchards. If such latent viruses are eliminated from nursery trees, they will not be introduced into orchards by the propagation method. It is possible, however, that insect vectors may carry some diseases into clean orchards from nearby contaminated orchards. Virus-free orchards have been established in several cherry districts and should supply some definite answers on this point.

STRIBLING'S EXPANDS

Stribling's Nurseries, Merced, Calif., have embarked on an extensive expansion program. The first stage of the nurseries' enlargement took place when the firm bought and cleared ground formerly occupied by a cannery, which adjoins the nurseries' present buildings. A warehouse was constructed on the cannery's old foundation, and a self-service retail garden store will be constructed elsewhere on the property.

Stribling's is one of the state's largest nursery firms, realizing more than \$500,000 a year in gross sales, according to an officer of the firm.

BILLBOARD SHOWS PLANTS

The highway billboard, which usually serves only to conceal the nurserymen's products from the traveling public, has been adapted by a Washington nurseryman to help display his plant materials. Clarence Prentice, Prentice Nursery, Seattle, Wash., has been using a billboard on East Marginal Way with sections cut out of each wing, in which he puts specimens of current ornamentals. The plants are set back into the recessed compartments, and bypassers report that carefully placed indirect lighting gives the display a 3-dimensional appearance.

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Since insects often carry diseases of plants and sometimes do great damage themselves, the knowledge of how far they can travel in a period of time helps the entomologist to work out methods of control.

For instance, an entomologist at the agricultural research center at Beltsville, Md., will, in forthcoming experiments, "tag" the bark beetle with a radioisotope of scandium, one of the lesser-known chemical elements, which emits a powerful gamma ray. Weak trees to which such beetles naturally fly, located at various distances from the point of release, may be used as natural traps to check distances beetles migrate. "Scintillation counters," which are sensitive to gamma rays, will reveal the presence of the radioactive insects that have burrowed beneath the bark and even as far as six inches into the tree "traps." In one experiment in the west, radioactive blowflies were detected by Geiger counters in traps 20 and 28 miles from the point of release.

The effect of an insecticide upon an insect can be traced by applying a radioactive insecticide to an insect and following its route into and through the insect's nervous and digestive systems by means of photographic plates and other detection devices. Radioisotopes have already proved their value in studies of minute physiological changes within the bodies of insects.

USE INSECTICIDES PROPERLY

Proper use and attention to details are necessary for satisfactory results from insecticides, according to Dr. A. N. Tissot, entomologist of the University of Florida agricultural experiment stations. Dr. Tissot emphasized that much insecticide material is wasted and frequently poor results are obtained by nurserymen and gardeners because the material is not used correctly.

Before they are put on the market. all insecticides are tested as to pests they will control, amounts needed for best results, toxicity, most efficient methods of use and other important factors. Directions for the use of insecticides are based on these tests. It follows that the nurseryman who is careful to heed directions as to the

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material. Before one begins control measures against any pest, he should determine what kind of insect it is. Dr. Tissot explained that an insecticide may control one pest but may have little effect on another. A nurseryman should use the insecticide that has proved effective against the particular pest that is attacking his crop and should use it according to directions. In applying an insecticide, the entomologist explained, it is important to use the right amount. as too much may be harmful to the plants and too little may not give satisfactory control. When directions call for safeguards, they should be observed with care to avoid iniury and trouble.

kind of insecticide to use, the amount to use, the method of application, safeguards to observe and the time of application should and usually does obtain more satisfactory results than one who is careless with this

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Floyd C. Kaylor and Mertie L. Weatherston, of Loveland, Colo., were married at Colfax, Wash., August 15, 1903. On August 15, 1953, the couple, who now own the Kaylor Nurseries, Lakewood, Wash., received the good wishes of their friends on their golden wedding anniversary at an open house held at Midway, Wash. The festivities were informal, and light refreshments were served.

The anniversary event was arranged by the Kaylors' five children and was attended, among many others, by their six grandchildren.

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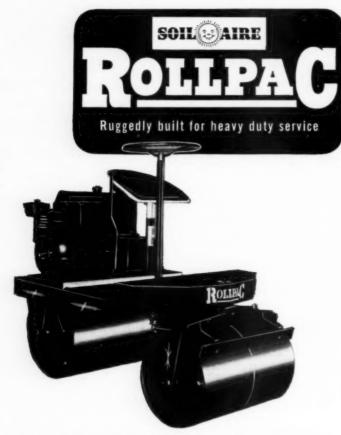
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Besides killing weed seeds, Mr. Fletcher says, methyl bromide gas also acts as a soil sterilizer and fumigant, destroying the various damping-off organisms as well as other biotalike white grubs and nematodes, near the soil surface. Observations elsewhere indicate that both beneficial and harmful soil organisms will reinvade treated soil before the end of the first growing season, presumably from unaffected soil beneath or through the air. Vegetation on surrounding areas should be kept mowed.

Since methyl bromide is highly toxic, the following precautions should be observed: (1) Use a plastic face protector, (2) keep a sharp point on the applicator's puncturing device, (3) check the rubber gaskets on the applicators and (4) stand to the windward when removing the tarpaulin.

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FIRE in early August destroyed the factory of the Premier Peat Moss Corp. at Isle Verte, Que., Canada. Production at other factories is being expanded to replace the loss in output.

INDIANA SUMMER MEETING

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central section. Various scales have been serious on such trees as dogwood, redbud and soft maple.

Traps are being maintained over the state for detection of any European chafer, the grubs of which are said to be worse than those of the Japanese beetle. None have been found to date. Nurserymen were cautioned to be on the lookout for the black vine weevil, which can be a serious pest on taxus. Soil treatment and spray of Chlordane are the recommended control measures.

Need for continued federal aid for control of the Japanese beetle was stressed. Because nurserymen must live with the Japanese beetle, it is essential that there be uniform federal quarantine regulations instead of many and varied state regulations. It will be the responsibility of the nursery industry to see that federal quarantines are retained, and every individual nurseryman can assist by letting his elected representatives know how he feels on this problem.

Prof. R. B. Hull told something of the turf research being conducted at Purdue. He also reported that organization of the Hills Arboretum, located near Lafayette, has been nearly effected.

University facilities have been engaged the third week in January for the annual winter meeting at Purdue. The nationally known Purdue Men's Glee Club will be one of the star attractions of the banquet program.

Tour of Fort Wayne Parks

On the morning of August 6, nurserymen and families were taken on a conducted tour to points of special interest about Fort Wayne. The first stop was the new War Memorial coliseum, costing \$3,000,000 and seating as many as 10,000 persons for events such as basketball games. Large picture windows overlook a beautiful park area to the east and the burial place of Jonathan Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed.

The second stop was a park which features some 6,000 rose plants surrounding a beautiful series of formal pools of tropical water lilies, with a small lake in the background. The tour proceeded to 120-acre McMillan park, with rustic-style structures, eight baseball diamonds and a swimming pool serving some 1,300 persons a day.

Final stop was Fronky park, of 260 acres and with a 13-acre lake made from what was once a swamp. The bird sanctuary here was of par-

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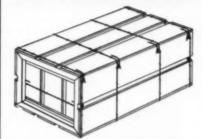
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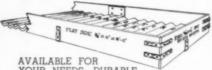
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HEMEROCALLIS GROUP MEETS AT EVANSTON, ILL.

The annual meeting of the Hemerocallis Society, held at Evanston, Ill., July 16 to 18, was attended by 177 members, who toured outstanding gardens in the vicinity, viewed new introductions of outstanding hemerocallis and made plans for next year's convention - to be held at Valdosta, Ga.

Among the outstanding new day lilies viewed by the group were superior seedlings in the David Hall garden, at Wilmette, Ill., 40 of which have been sold to Gilbert H. Wild & Son, Sarcoxie, Mo., for propagation and marketing. They include a large red, named Premier, which shows great improvement in size and substance, and Swansdown, a big, light lemon yellow with shadings of green.



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FLOWERING TREES

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lem, for it is difficult to make a limited selection. The saucer magnolia is often considered a shrub. but makes a fine small tree about 20 feet tall, with clean gray bark and interesting, if rather coarse, branching. The great white and rosy-purple flowers are familiar to all: the brilliant red seeds do not seem to gain the attention they deserve. Several of the varieties, mostly differentiated by flower characteristics, are well worth growing. M. kobus borealis, which seems to have no common name, is valued for its hardiness, vet the flowers appear so early that they are often nipped by frost. I find the fragrance, even though faint, most delightful. The leaves are much less coarse than those of the saucer magnolia. The habit of growth is upright and rather open. and growth is rapid-for a magnolia. Many references list a height of 70 to 75 feet for this; I know of no planted specimen more than 20 feet high.

In northern United States, the sweet bay, M. virginiana (M. glauca), does not grow too large for our purpose. Certainly, it is not in the top rank. Its fine, glossy foliage, white on the underside, however, and its long flowering period in early summer make it useful. The flowers are white, often partly hidden by the leaves, and fragrant. It is adaptable as to soils and will grow even in swampy areas. And last on this abbreviated list is the anise magnolia, M. salicifolia. Its habit is pyramidal to about 25 feet (in old specimens). and its flowers are large, white and exotically fragrant in late April or early May. The foliage is dense and not too large. With this species one does not have the long wait for first blooming that is characteristic of M. kobus. All magnolias have fleshy roots and should be moved only in the spring, preferably in small sizes, and balled.

Flowering Crab Apples

The problem of choosing among magnolias seems simple when looking over the flowering crab apples. There are so many of them and they vary so widely that a choice of the best is nearly impossible. Some selection seems necessary, however, for in this genus are many of our best flowering trees. All are adaptable to many soils, do not have many serious ills (except those natives susceptible to fire blight) and are, for the most part, of ironclad hardiness. Besides the ornamental value of the flowers,



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Malus arnoldiana, about 20 feet high, is dense in habit and bears large, fragrant flowers which fade from pink to white in early May. Its red and yellow fruits are attractive in September and October. M. atrosanguinea is fine-twigged, dense and somewhat bushy, usually about 18 feet high. Its carmine, single flowers fade to a less desirable, lighter shade in mid-May and are followed by fruits that are too dark red to show to best advantage. The foliage is unusually good. The deep pink buds of M. floribunda contrast prettily with the rather small flowers which fade to white in early May. This is a fairly large tree, usually about 20 to 25 feet, with a rounded, dense habit. Its many small fruits become red and yellow in late August and hold for almost two months.

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The popular Bechtel's variety is not widely recommended, for it does not do well uniformly and often sickens and dies soon after reaching a respectable size. Parkman's crab apple, is not universally successful, although lovely where it grows well.

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fragrant. Even earlier is the single-flowered higan cherry, P. subhirtella, with light pink blooms. The variety P. s. pendula is often grafted high on the understalk, giving rise to monstrosities. When grafted low, the top builds up to a respectable plant with a fountain-like habit. Another variety, P. s. autumnalis, has semidouble, pink flowers in spring and again in autumn. It grows about 18 feet hight.

The Best Stewartias

The best of the stewartias, S. ovata, is too small and shrubby to fit our requirements here. It is, however, well-worth a much wider acceptance, for the large white flowers appear from June to August and are most attractive. The Korean stewartia, S. koreana, grows to about 30 feet, sometimes a little more, and has 3-inch, white flowers with golden stamens, which look like single camellias. These appear in July. The habit is pyramidal and dense, but in shade may be somewhat more open. The leaves turn a bright orange in the fall. The bark is interesting, for it flakes off in patches showing the lighter underbark. The Japanese stewartia, S. pseudocamellia, is more open in habit, a bit taller and has smaller flowers. The fall color is purple. Best results with any of these plants will be obtained if they are planted in a moist, peat

This list does little more than scratch the surface of the subject. Together with the preceding list of shade trees, however, it should give the landscape designer a considerable amount of help in selecting trees that will fit the new fashions in house designs.

SCIENTISTS FIND FLY AN OAK WILT VECTOR

Two research scientists at the Ohio agricultural experiment station, Wooster, believe they have learned one way in which oak wilt spreads from tree to tree in a forest.

Charles L. Griswold and George J. Bart blame an insect known as Drosophila melanogaster, or pomace fly. This fly often is seen around decayed or overripe fruit.

The researchers discovered that the fly likes to feed on the liquid which occurs on an oak wilt fungus mat—probably because it has an odor similar to cider. Laboratory analysis showed the fly carries oak wilt spores both externally and internally. It may deposit them on

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healthy trees where any type of wound exists. Sap from the wound may attract the fly which bears the deadly oak wilt spores,

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In about two months the young tree was dying from oak wilt disease. Presence of the fungus in the tree was confirmed by laboratory analysis.

The scientists point out that this discovery does not automatically solve the problem of keeping native oak trees alive and healthy. They believe a logical plan is to get rid of the source of infection—the fungus mats on a tree—rather than any carrier of the disease such as the pomace fly.

"Nature will help us to do this," Mr. Griswold said, "since in the early stages of infection, before mats form, leaves begin to discolor. If we can prevent the formation of fungus mats by removing the tree early, then perhaps we have stopped the flies from spreading infection further."



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THE ECONOMIST REPLIES

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by a government agency, we could not strike out and do it entirely in our own way. It had to be done under laws and regulations resulting from the majority voice of taxpayers as expressed through their senators and representatives. Your industry had to be protected while at the same time gaining for itself the recognition and attention which it deserves. At all times the research had to qualify for the close scrutiny and strict rules of public servants entrusted with these responsibilities. The combination of circumstances amounted to as difficult a problem as that facing you when Mr. Average Homeowner comes to you desiring a good landscape job for an expenditure of 25 of our present-day

As with nurserymen, one of the annoving things about bureaucracy is the practice of being tied to habit, precedent and tradition or the past. In 1890 J. Howard Hale, a wellknown nurseryman, onetime president of the American Association of Nurserymen, became a temporary employee of the federal government for the purpose of conducting a census of florists, nurserymen and seed growers. At that time, as you well know, Charlie, stock for planting home and commercial orchards was of primary importance in nurseries of the United States. Except for some special attention in the 1930 census this was the only time that detailed figures had been gathered for nurserymen. In both instances the emphasis was on that part of the crops which had to do with food production. In order to attain the recent census of nurserymen it was necessary to give undue attention to fruit or food stocks and lump together ornamental crops, which by now are the most important part of nursery sales in the United States.

The situation was much like that of the long-term planning for growing nursery crops, Charlie. As a result of the report which you looked over, it should be possible to lump the fruit stock crops and give more attention to ornamentals in the future. But it took this recent census to attain the information needed to convince those who do not know the industry but who have to approve government research projects. Now you know what caused a publication which resulted in your concern over dewberries and gooseberries.

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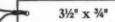
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all nurserymen. As a whole your industry has permitted itself to be poorly understood or misunderstood by millions of persons who are your potential customers. Communications among nurserymen and between them and consumers have not been adequate. If nurserymen are going to benefit fully from the part they can play in planting America, it is imperative that facts be available as a basis for formulating plans and policy. Further, it is important that some of these facts and figures be communicated to the American people. There are nearly 50,000,000 homes, most all of whose owners strongly want what nurserymen can supply for them and the communities of which they are a

The understanding your industry should have includes that of state and federal officials, whose sympathetic interest you need. The census report which you read made it possible to have the United States Department of Agriculture for the first time fully recognize nurserymen as a part of the farm economy of this country. That fact alone has already benefited your industry much and can have far-reaching, desirable results in the future.

Have no fears, Charlie, that as a result of their knowing and recognizing the nursery industry you are going to be faced with bureaucratic edicts. Government research agencies are not out "beating the bushes" for new problems or headaches. Their activities result only from the requests or actions of taxpayers or an industry. The effective work of men like President John, Secretary Dick and other officers and committees of the American Association of Nurservmen can gain for you research and other benefits which the industry wants and needs while also keeping a foot in the door so as to be at all times fully informed about what is going on in state and federal government affairs.

This brings us to the matter of the place of your trade associations in communicating the work of government to an industry like yours, Charlie. The census report is a good According to law the example. bureau of the census is not authorized to go much further than gathering, editing, tabulating and publishing figures. The nature of the publications and their wide range of uses require tables, graphs and charts to be made according to hard and fast rules. It is not expected that the publication is to serve folks of the industry only. The one thing

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President John, Secretary Dick and their committees will give us a chance to talk over with them in the near future. One other point bothers me, Charlie. That has to do with your reading matter 10 years hence. It cannot be taken for granted that vour Uncle Sam will gather and publish figures about nurseries in 1960. Of one thing you can be sure: Any chance for having such research done in behalf of nurserymen de-

pends upon the repeated and continued interest and effort of your national organization, its officers and

committees.

Remembering some long North Dakota winters and being concerned over your supply of reading matter I am asking the editor of the American Nurseryman to forward to you the final reports which followed the preliminary ones which you now have. When you receive these you will know why my mind will be at ease if you find yourself snowbound for an extended period of time. Also, you may find that from these publications you can pick out information which will increase the volume of business and the success of yourself and other nurserymen as you go about planting America.

To nurserymen, figures and economics have been something apart from the individuality which is the enviable pride of plantsmen and architects or artists. However, Charlie, in as interdependent and complex a society as ours, it has become true that independence and individuality can be protected and retained only if figures and facts are available and used. Material accumulated from the observation of plants, their origin, identity, size, peculiarities and potential has become a fund of knowledge which nurserymen and their customers use daily. Much time and effort continues to be expended toward increasing and communicating such knowledge. Only recently are nurserymen discovering that it is just as important to know their production and market, its origin, identity, size, peculiarities and potential.

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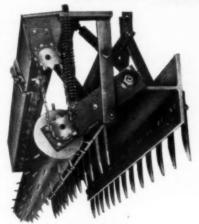


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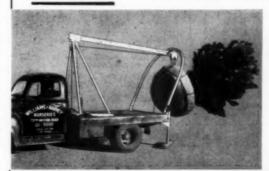
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of all concerned he has to know its requirements, limitations and possibilities. If one judges from the experience of other industries, Charlie, it is certain that the future of the nursery business depends as much on knowing the requirements, limitations and possibilities of its market as on knowing about the plants entering into such trade. This is going to require planting, patience, concerted effort and education of the industry and its consumers comparable to that which has entered into the accumulation of plant knowledge through several centuries. Then, as is now understood relative to plant knowledge, it is not enough merely to accumulate it. Effective production and marketing require communication among nurserymen and their customers.

Consumers have an effective means for indicating to nurserymen that they will not take a weeping beech, but want dogwood or foundation plantings. Even the novice soon learns to buy what is wanted rather than what is offered. Nurserymen in 1953 cannot hazard their businesses by carrying blocks of stock for which there is no want. I will find some other way of reading the American Nurseryman as soon as I can

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arrange for the transportation I want rather than that now being offered by the bus company. In the meantime this bus company might improve my attitude by means of better communications

In an economy which causes competitors to have statistical, marketing and other economic information, nurserymen are going to find it just as difficult to disregard such considerations as I would find it difficult to disregard the automotive age and persist in using a horse and buggy for transportation in an American city.

Facts, figures, wants and communications make up a package of ideas which may seem novel to nurserymen, Charlie. To plant America still seems novel-and preposterous -to some nurserymen, but look at the results after only four years! On some blustery day when you are staving close to that pot-bellied stove, ponder over these ideas a bit. They could be the key to nursery sales and profits beyond the wildest dreams of even such optimists as nurserymen.

M. Truman Fossum Bureau of Agricultural Economics U. S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D. C.

IMPORTED RASPBERRY

A black raspberry from India has been successfully grown in parts of southern Florida at or near sea level. The Mysore raspberry (named after the Indian state) came to the United States Department of Agriculture's subtropical experiment station at Gainesville, Fla., by way of Kenya and Natal, Africa, in 1948, and has done so well in its new environment that the station has approved it for southern Florida gardens. It is the first raspberry to produce successfully in that area.

The fruit of the raspberry is described by R. Bruce Ledin, horticulturist at the station, as "juicy, pleasant, slightly sweet, and of good flavor." It is from one half to three quarters of an inch in diameter, turns from red to dark purple on ripening, has relatively small seeds and druplets about the size of the Northern raspberry.

The raspberry may be propagated by seeds, cuttings or tip layers, but Dr. Ledin said he favors propagation by cuttings or tip layers because in seed propagation the seedlings are susceptible to damping-off, the plants vary and germination is slow and irregular.

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tice in this area and one that serves to add many needed elements to the soil

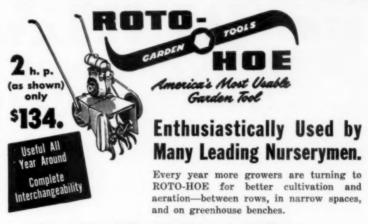
The next stop was at Luke Harkey's Nursery, where a lunch consisting of home-grown vegetables was served. This nursery, some 35 acres in extent, is approximately 25 years old. Luther Harkey, its owner, was one of the first leaders of the North Carolina association and guided it in its early days through turbulent times. The nursery is renowned for its efficiency; it includes no wasted space and probably grows more salable plants to an acre than any nursery in the state. Mr. Harkey has an interesting new ranch-type home overlooking a lake. with an excellent view of the nursery stock planted around the lake. He has a yard filled with numerous plants and beautiful flowers which are the envy of all visiting nurserymen. His flower beds show the influence of his versatile wife. He has both a wholesale and retail trade

Steed's Nursery

The Steed's Nursery, Candor, where the nurserymen stopped next. is composed of 15 acres and is about 35 years old. It is owned and operated by Herb Steed, who is assisted by his son, Warren. The nursery is completely irrigated, having two lakes for this purpose, and about half its stock is grown in the shade of pine trees. This last point was something the tour revealed to be increasingly popular in the state; more nurserymen seem to be using pine groves than any other method of shading nursery stock and apparently find it successful.

Steed's Nursery is growing plants in gallon metal containers with much success. It specializes in magnolias, hollies and azaleas, and the plants show the good effects of the thorough irrigation system. Mr. Steed served the group ice cold watermelons and cantaloupes during the visit, and this respite was visibly enjoyed by all.

The tour then moved to the Gilmore Farm, Bonlee. Here they found about 1,000 head of cattle, most of them Brahman; 25,000 chickens; 500 hogs, and several hundred sheep and goats. The farm covers about 2,000 acres and is owned by Glenn Gilmore, of North State Nursery. The nursery grows some of its plants here, as well as the bulb and flower stock. The visit to the farm served as an introduction to the North



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State Nursery, which was the next

and final stop on the schedule. North State Nursery is located at Julian and consists of 150 acres. It was established about 40 years ago by W. T. Hanna, who retired in the early 1940's and sold out to Dr. C. M. Gilmore and Glenn Gilmore, the present owners. The two Gil-mores are assisted by two other brothers, Paul and John, and by Glenn Gilmore, Jr. The nursery grows shrubs, broad-leaved and conifer evergreens, roses, fruit and nut trees and, in general, every plant grown and sold in the nursery industry. They use a Jiffy digger which, attached to a Ford tractor, is used for digging all plants in the winter and for spraying when neces-

The nursery has 42-inch, crosschecked rows and keeps a flock of geese to help control the spread of grass and weeds. The geese have not been around long enough for the owners to know whether they are worth the cost. All the nursery's propagation work is done in coldframes, and all potted plants are in beds in the wooded sections. Water for irrigation is provided by three ponds and is distributed through 4-inch aluminum pipe. There are a packing shed 60x120 feet, a salesyard and an open shed for equipment. There is also a small airport on the property to accommodate airborne guests.

The tour of North Carolina nurseries was climaxed by a barbecue supper at North State Nursery. This was attended by prominent members of civic and social groups of Julian and surrounding communities. Former Gov. Scott Kerr made the principal address, using "Conservation and the Possibilities Afforded North Carolinians in the

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L. C. House, prominent rose grower of Tyler, Tex., and Mrs. Cora Harris, garden authority for the Charlotte News, joined the tour

at Charlotte, N. C.

All the participants claimed they had a wonderful trip and felt that the knowledge gained from the tour would show itself eventually in the better landscaping and more beautiful yards of North Carolina homeowners.

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ROOTING ILEX OPACA

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While timing seems to be critical during the month of August, after that date cuttings can be taken at almost any time through the winter with varying results. We have taken cuttings here during every month from August to March, and we seemed to find that early batches rooted best, but late batches in Ianuary and February were also successful. However, it is an advantage to root cuttings early, as will be seen.

The best type of cutting is one made from a tip growth of firm, current season's wood. If the stock plants are in good health, they will have made shoots of from four to six inches in length, perhaps with two side branches of slightly less length. All these shoots can be used for cuttings, but the terminal shoot being stronger, makes the best plant when once rooted. However, if good cuttings of this type are scarce, then the side growths should by all means be used. No difference will be noticed in the subsequent development of the plants. These cuttings should be removed from the parent plants early in the morning and brought in under cover where they can be stored and kept cool in the shade, well-damped down, until the cuttings are made. When the cuttings are made, most of the leaves can be removed with a knife without affecting the speed and vigor of rooting. When finally trimmed the cuttings should be about four or five inches long and should retain about four or, at the most, five leaves at the top. The condition of the wood is of some importance. The stems should be firm and brownish green, without any obvious signs of being soft. The wood should feel firm between the fingers and should not have too much "give" when bent. Cuttings in this condition should root well.

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This technique has been discussed in these columns many times, but the more we use wounding in one form or another, the more valuable we find it to be. With most types of cuttings we are coming to standardize on what I call the "heavy" wound, and it is this one that we use on our ilex cuttings. If the stem of the cutting is stout and firm, we remove a thin slice from the base of the cutting, using a sharp knife. The slice will be about an inch to an inch and a half long and will

cut through the outer bark and green tissue beneath, without cutting heavily into the central woody area. It requires a little practice to gauge the cut, but after a few cuts the correct depth is easily found. This heavy wound has a most beneficial effect upon the rooting of I. opaca. Some growers are trimming the base of their cuttings, using a long slanting cut. We have tried this, but we do not find it so helpful as the full heavy wound, which exposes a large area of the internal tissues at the base of the cutting. The same effect. can, of course, be obtained on the central shoot by stripping off the smaller side branches and, if the whole group has been removed from the stock plant as one unit, this is an excellent way of making the cuttings and wounding at the same time.

Hormone Treatments

The use of hormones is, to a certain extent, tied in with the maintenance of conditions of high humidity, and I would refer you to the section later in this article where this is considered. However, leaving water and humidity out of the picture for the moment, we have found that I. opaca will apparently respond to much higher concentrations of hormones if the wood is in the right condition. I cannot overemphasize this last remark, and we must, perforce, refer back to what I said earlier about batches of cuttings turning black.

If the cuttings are on the borderline of hardness, then hormones may produce this blackening and wholesale destruction: but, if the cuttings are firm and ready to take, then they will respond to somewhat strong hormones. In the past we have always used Merck's No. 3 powder, treating the cuttings immediately after wounding. Results have been good, but there was always that annoying percentage of cuttings which were healthy, well-callused, but did not root. Last year we treated all our cuttings with 2 per cent indolebutyric acid in talc. This is just about three times as strong as Merck's No. 3. The results were excellent. Rooting was much evener, stronger and more rapid. There was no sign of abnormal rooting; neither was there any obvious sign of hormone damage, such as blackening of the base of the stem, yellowing and dropping of leaves. However, at the same time that the main batch was inserted, we also inserted a small test of 25 cuttings treated with 2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxy proprionic

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1 per cent 2,4,5-TP. 25 cuttings inserted same time and in same greenhouse. 17 cuttings heavily rooted.

8 cuttings well-rooted. Total: 100 per cent rooted.

Although this was only a small test, the difference in the vigor of rooting between the two groups of cuttings was most marked.

Those rooted with the 2, 4, 5-TP were all strongly rooted, with a vigorous basal root system, yet without any sign of abnormality or hormonedamage. It should be noted that this much stronger powder also rooted the cuttings 100 per cent.

With this small test to encourage us, we went on to use this same powder on cuttings of Osmanthus ilicifolius—a larger batch this time—and out of 1.900 cuttings, we rooted 1.800. We intend to try out 2, 4, 5-TP again this season, but first results with it are indeed encouraging. I think that we are justified in saying that from these results I. opaca seems to respond to treatments with much stronger hormones.

Medium

What is the best medium to use? This also is a vexing question. Of course, the best one is always the one with which you best succeed. With us it has always been a 50-50 mixture of coarse sand and acidtype Dutch peat. We find the sandpeat mixture much better than plain sand and, if it is not possible to move the cuttings immediately after they are well-rooted, the cuttings will continue to grow well in the mixture. We use this peat mixture even under conditions of high humidity and excessive use of water. This brings us to the final point.

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There seems to be a distinct difference, however, between the use of a fog line and the generous application of water to the cutting benches from a hose. Both are necessary. We insert our cuttings and use the hose immediately to flood them in. Thereafter, we use the fog lines two or perhaps three times daily, as the weather may require, and then about twice a week we flood the benches from the hose. The net result of this treatment is to apply a considerable quantity of water to the cuttings, and they seem to revel in it. The combined effect of heat, humidity, hormones and water roots them rapidly and well. It is interesting to note, however, that, in small tests made last year with I. opaca outside under constant mist, the percentages rooted and the general vigor of root-ing was poor. This I attributed to the fact that neither the temperature nor the humidity was high enough under such conditions to achieve satisfactory results.

After Treatment of Rooted Cuttings

I have already mentioned that early rooting is to be preferred, and this is so because cuttings rooted early in the fall can be removed from the houses, thus making way for a second batch of cuttings. Once the cuttings are well-rooted in the benches, we lift them and heel them into deep flats, using some of the peat-sand rooting medium for the purpose. We keep the flats in the same house for about a week, until the cuttings have begun to make new roots, and then we take the flats out to deep frames. If cuttings are inserted at the end of August or early September, they should be rooted in eight weeks and can thus be removed from the houses early in November. This should allow plenty of time for the cuttings to harden off and prepare for the winter. These cuttings seem to be able to stand the move



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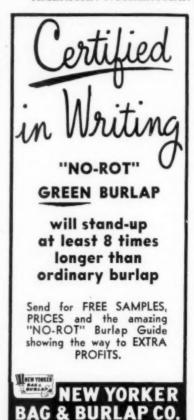
Propagation in Coldframes

By careful attention to timing. excellent stands can be had in coldframes, adapting the methods outlined above. The following procedure is recommended: Take the cuttings as early as possible, certainly not later than the first week of September. Wound them, treat with a strong hormone, at least 2 per cent IBA, and insert in a bed of sand and peat directly into the frame Flood the cuttings in as they are inserted. sash by sash. By "flood," I mean pour the water on so that the medium and the ground beneath are saturated with water. Immediately cover the frames with close-fitting sash, shade slightly and keep close for some weeks. Daily sprayings may be necessary for some time according to the weather; if in doubt. err on the side of overdoing the water rather than withholding it. As the weather cools, shading and water can be reduced and, by the time winter comes, many of the cuttings will have rooted. They should not be disturbed, however, because many more will root the following spring, and it is best to leave the cuttings where they are until late in April. By that time a large percentage should have rooted and, if they can be lifted and planted out just before new growth commences, the cuttings should take right away and grow on with a minimum of loss. If you can afford to wait, then the cuttings can, with advantage, stay over until the following September, when they can be lifted with an excellent root system for lining out.

LOHSES VISIT HAMBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohse, Henry Lohse Nursery, Dixon, Ill., left the United States early in August for Hamburg, Germany, where they are visiting the international horticultural exhibition and many of the nurseries in the Hamburg area.

During their stay at Hamburg the couple are residing with Mr. Lohse's 88-year-old mother, whom he has not seen in 29 years. On their return journey, the Lohses will stop a few days at Amsterdam, Holland, for a visit to some of the nurseries in the Boskoop area.





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